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£6m plan to modernise Bridgend's town centre

THE Welsh Government has given the green light to a multi-million pound project that aims to revitalise Bridgend town centre by increasing the number of residents, and providing improved shopping facilities.

It means the town centre is set to benefit from £6m of 'Vibrant and Viable Places' regeneration funding, a BBC spokesperson explained. Council projects would use the cash to help make the town centre more "modern, vibrant and appealing to shoppers and visitors".

Vacant premises above shops will be turned into housing, while the ageing Rhiw car park will be replaced with a new multi-storey - in addition to riverside housing and a small-scale development for potential commercial or community use.

Other car parks in the town centre are also set to be improved. New parking will be created to serve offices and businesses, and Bridgend Market will benefit from improvements including

a new roof. If enough resources are available, plans are also in place for replacing the former McDonald's building on Nolton Street, with new retail space on the ground floor and housing above.

Deputy Leader David Sage said: "This is excellent news and the £6m funding will be put to good use in an effort to boost local trade by creating a thriving community within the town centre itself."

"The Vibrant and Viable Places funding represents a big step forward in the evolution of Bridgend town centre and will help us to create new opportunities for fresh investment and business, as well as providing the town with modern parking facilities," he added.

Bridgend folk are out in their thousands for Mair's walk!



ABOVE:
Thousands of local residents assembled at the Bridgend Recreation Centre last Sunday (June 15) to take part in the charity event, Mair's Walk. GEM photographer Glyn Evans was also there at the start, where he spotted this group (above), all ready to tackle the walk and raise cash for the Velindre Hospital appeal. (FOR MORE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE WALK, SEE PAGE 6)

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Thieves steal from baby goods shop

POLICE are hunting burglars who stole a stock of branded baby equipment - including prams, car seats and bedding - from a baby goods shop at Brynmynyn Industrial Estate overnight on Monday, June 9.

They would like to hear from anyone with information to contact them on 101 (quoting reference number 14000202768).

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Two Pencoed schools benefit from donations

Left to right are Evelyn Scott, Jasmine Skye-Roberts, Brody McDonald, Keira Armitt.

A BRIDGEND-BASED house builder has funded new drama and educational facilities at two Pencoed schools.

Pencoed Comprehensive School received a £300 donation from Waterstone Homes to buy specialist lighting and audio equipment for its production of *Little Shop of Horrors*.

The school was given a donation after Zoe Morgan, a 17-year-old pupil at the school, wrote a letter requesting funds for the play.

Little Shop of Horrors is due to run between July 9 and July 12, and is always a high-profile event in the town.

Croesty Primary School also received £300 to build a wooden



shelter, allowing staff to teach lessons outdoors during the summer. Outdoor lessons are a compulsory part of the Welsh Government's Foundation Phase framework for children aged three to seven.

Linda Harwood, school manager at Pencoed Comprehensive School, said: "We are delighted to receive this

donation as it will allow us to improve our drama facilities. Now we have this equipment, we can include more special effects.

"We're looking forward to putting on a play that both the pupils and community will enjoy."

Anna Humphreys, chair of the Parent Teacher Association for Croesty Primary School, added: "The shelter will allow students to enjoy their lessons in an outdoor environment and I know how beneficial this style of learning is to children, especially when learning about wildlife and flowers.

"My sons, Sam and Thomas, who attend the school are really looking forward to having more lessons outdoors."

Andrea Gardner, Sales Manager at Waterstone Homes, said: "As a company based in the area, we are delighted we have been able to support schools in the community."

The orchestra will be the British Sinfonietta and of course the choir's own accompanist, Glenn Crookes, will be on the organ.

The concert will take place in All Saints' Church, Porthcawl, on Saturday, July 5 at 7.30pm. Tickets at £10 from choir members, at the door or call 01656 653326.

Farewell concert for conductor

THERE will be mixed emotions during Cor Bro Ogwr's summer concert this year; it will be the last with their conductor of the past five years, Edward Rhys Harry. But it will be a night to remember, featuring two works which hold special significance for Edward.

The choir will be joined by another of Edward's choirs, the London Welsh Choral, and Baglan Primary School choir, who delighted the audience when they first sang with Cor Bro Ogwr last year. The programme will

HERE are this week's questions:

1. There are three countries in Africa classified as kingdoms; Morocco and Lesotho are two. What is the other one?

2. What is the medical name for a blood clot?

3. Who, in 1991 was the trainer responsible for the first four horses in the Welsh Grand

National?

4. Who played the part of the wife of Harrison Ford in his role as Jack Ryan in the films *Patriot Games* and *In Clear and Present Danger*?

A Rudge (for Quiz League)

4. Anne Archer.
3. Martin Pipe.
2. Thrombosis.
1. Swaziland.

Captain's tale of survival at sea

THE June meeting of Sker WI was held recently and the president Nora Williams welcomed the members present.

There is a mystery tour coming up soon which should be an enjoyable day out. The annual summer fayre is on Friday, July 18 at Trinity Church Hall from 10am to 12 noon.

The speaker for the evening was Captain Jones talking about his experiences in World War Two. Captain Jones started his life at sea at an early age, he was a merchant cadet officer on the *Quebec City*.

He survived the sinking of the ship by squeezing through a porthole.

The crew spent nine days in a lifeboat before

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reaching Liberia on the African continent. They lived in an isolated village for some time before RAF patrol planes spotted them and came to their rescue.

Captain Jones has published a book called *The Enemy We Killed My Friend*.

The commander of the U Boat which sank the *Quebec City* was concerned about the welfare of the crew. Captain Jones has visited the birthplace of the German commander.

The next meeting will be on July 10 at St David's Church Hall, Nottage, at 7pm when the speaker will be Mrs Polly Davies speaking on 'Calamity Jane/Not Debby Reynolds'.

Anyone wishing to join us is very welcome.

Ann Vipond

Who wants to build what and where?

BCBC Parks and Playing Fields - 46 Cefn Glas Road, Cefn Glas - Remove lower limbs and reduce canopy by 33 per cent.

Mr Keith Barnard - St Clares School, Clevis Lane, Porthcawl - Notification of felling of dangerous tree.

Mr David Tiffin - 5 Ysbryd y Coed, Pen-y-Fai - Fell white beam and remove limbs to cherry tree.

Mrs Helen Walker - Cae Dre Cottage, 9 Cae Dre Street, Bridgend - Fell dangerous cedar tree.

Mr John Allen - Land adjacent to 16 Pant Hirwaun, Heol y Cyw - One two-bedroom house.

Envik Recycling - 8 George Thomas Avenue, Brynmenyn Industrial Estate, Brynmenyn - Relax condition 5 of P/11/85/FUL to allow storage of materials outside of the building.

Mr and Mrs J Morgan - Plas y Marlais, Ffordd y Gyfraith, Cefn Cribwr - Create first floor and roof to existing bungalow and erect extension to south side.

Ms L Roberts - 41 Parc Tyn-y-Waun, Maesteg - Two storey extension to provide study, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom en-suite.

Mr R Davies - 18 Greenfield Way, Porthcawl - Single storey rear extension.

Mrs S P Attwood - Aber House, Aber Road, Ogmere Vale - First floor extension above existing outhouse to create granny flat.

Michael and Magalie Muriel Boland - Land adjacent Pen-y-Fai Primary School, Heol Eglwys, Pen-y-Fai - Certificate of appropriate alternative development.

Mr and Mrs John and Jacqueline Mainst - 22 Cwrt y Fedwen, Maesteg - Convert integral garage into living space.

Mr M J Mordecai - Land off All Saints Way, Pen-y-Fai - Residential development comprising five detached dwellings and associated services.

BCBC Director of Resources - Celtic Court, Tremains Road, Bridgend - Internal and external refurbishment of existing office building to include two storey extension for staircase and lift.

'Service above Self' at Margam Park



The Glasfynedd Feeding Station waiting for the first riders.

THE Rotary Clubs of Porthcawl and Bridgend have once again combined to help man the feeding stations for the Wiggle Dragon Races.

Starting and finishing at Margam Park, the races had four categories ranging from the 42km 'Corto' event to the gruelling 'Dragon Devil' which took in the Rhigos, Black Mountain and the Devil's Elbow - a challenging 2,905 metres of climbing and a total distance of 300km.

There was a very early Sunday morning start, with the convoy of Rotarians following the vans stocked with the provisions, in order to get over the Brecon Beacons to two of the five feeding stations - at Ystradgynlais and Glasfynedd - by around 9am.

There they unloaded the vans, erected gazebos, tables etc. and spread out hundreds of cereal bars, apple pies, the salted potatoes, jelly babies, cranberries and raisins!

Also, two 'bowzers' - each holding hundreds of gallons of water - were readied to provide the thirsty riders with water or power drinks.

Just as they had done last year, the Rotarians awaited the four to five thousand riders they were expecting ... first were two elite riders who powered through without stopping ... then the odd one or two that came and went with bananas, cereal bars and raisins in their back pockets.

Gradually, the groups got bigger and more frequent until there were so many that it became a sea of riders, coloured club jerseys, bottles and bikes ... and hands reaching for something to boost energy levels! The deluge lasted for a manic three to four hours until it began to abate until the last cyclists had passed through late in the afternoon.

It was mid evening when the Rotarians arrived home tired but happy to have lived up to their motto of 'Service Above Self' once again ... and next year they'll do it all over again!

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AM welcomes latest 0800 clampdown

A regional AM has welcomed news that from this week, some expensive phone numbers will be outlawed.

Suzi Davies, Welsh Conservative regional AM for south Wales west, has been campaigning against GP surgeries being allowed to use 08 numbers and she has also urged the Student Loans Company to re-think its policy of using such numbers.

The UK Government has passed legislation which makes some use of

the 0845, 0844 and 0871 numbers unlawful.

Although there are exemptions in the case of banks, insurance companies, gambling companies and some others, Mrs Davies welcomed the new regulations.

She said: "Other businesses are now required to switch to lower cost numbers to prevent customers from being stung by high phone bills. I have been chasing Abertawe Bro Morgannwg, for example, to ensure that the few remaining

surgeries which use these numbers do not renew their contracts once the existing ones expire. "Sick people trying to get hold of a doctor do not need the added stress of knowing that the call they are making is more expensive than usual, while hard-up students using a mobile phone should not be penalised when they are trying to sort out problems with their loan."

"I am glad that this loophole is being plugged at long last."

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HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL JUNE 26)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
19 Thur	11.56	8.9		
20 Fri	00.29	9.1	12.51	8.6
21 Sat	01.33	8.5	14.04	8.3
22 Sun	02.41	8.5	15.15	8.3
23 Mon	03.51	8.3	16.23	8.5
24 Tues	04.52	8.6	17.17	8.8
25 Wed	05.44	8.9	18.11	9.1
26 Thur	06.33	9.0	18.55	9.3

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

'Council must act on silt eyesore'

— SAYS A REGIONAL TORY AM

THE ongoing controversy over the 'Porthcawl silt' saga, took a bizarre twist when it was the subject of an April Fool prank – being put up 'for sale' on e-bay!

Since then, a regional AM says she has been chasing Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to enforce its planning conditions regarding the silt dredged from Porthcawl harbour and dumped on Salt Lake car park.

Mrs Suzy Davies, a Welsh Conservative regional AM for south Wales west, has now received the results of the two tests carried out by the council into the make-up of the silt. One test was done before the silt was dredged and the second after it had been tipped.

Contaminants found include lead, sulphate, ammonium, benzene, C8-C10 aliphatic, vinyl chloride, tributyl tin, naphthalene and anthracene.

The council, which removed the silt as part of its redevelopment of the harbour, had various plans to deal with the silt.

One was to flatten it and grass it but the contaminants make this unlikely.

Mrs Davies went on: "Their second plan was to use it as fill for the infrastructure needed for the Morrisons' supermarket but as this deal has fallen through, Porthcawl is left with this eyesore of 15,000 tonnes of silt plus an additional 100 tonnes of rock and concrete which has also been dumped there from construction works.

"This is hardly the welcome that visitors to this busy tourist resort would expect to find."

Mrs Davies wrote to the planning enforcement department of the council to ask why no action had been taken to enforce

the conditions attached to the planning consent given to carry out the refurbishment of the harbour.

These stated that no additional materials were to be dumped on Salt Lake other than the silt without written consent from planners given in advance but 100 tonnes of rubble has joined the mound.

Mrs Davies asked to see the written consent for this to take place and says she then discovered that it was dated May 21 – months after the rubble was dumped.

Another condition which has been broken states that the site should be landscaped within three months of the tipping taking place.

Mrs Davies went on: "Nothing has been done to comply with this condition, presumably because of the contamination. This leaves the council having to either to get a construction company to take it away for their own use or for the council to pay to remove it."

"As the cost of the harbour refurbishment is already £890,000 overspent, adding the cost of moving 15,100 tonnes of contaminated waste and then disposing of it will add considerably to the final costs of the scheme.

"But despite these factors, the council must act quickly to remove this eyesore safely."

A BCBC spokesman said: "Residents can be assured that dealing with the silt extracted from the old harbour is currently our number one priority for Porthcawl, and that it poses no danger to public health in its current Salt Lake location.

"As you might expect given its source, the silt contains substances such as lead and benzene and as such is being stored on an impermeable

membrane in full compliance with protocols required by Natural Resources Wales.

"Its original use as engineering landfill in the construction of the eastern promenade highway infrastructure was prevented by Morrison's subsequent decision to cancel their plans for a new store.

"This has left the council in a difficult position as we need to find an alternative disposal method for the silt which also offers best value to local taxpayers.

"Due to the high cost of transporting and disposing of the silt elsewhere – estimated to be in the region of up to £250,000 – we initially invited the other short-listed bidders to resubmit their plans for developing a store, but this process recently concluded without a viable bid being identified.

"Our preferred option would be to process the silt at Salt Lake where it could be landscaped and planted with wild flowers, preventing it from being an eyesore while also ensuring that it remains available until such time that it can be used as engineering landfill in the regeneration plans for the resort.

"The current situation is that the council is in talks with other landowners to agree an appropriate solution, and we hope to be able to make a further announcement on this soon.

"In the meantime, our ongoing efforts to drive forward regeneration in the town include the marketing of the former Jennings building to bring it back into public use, and the rolling out of a multi-million pound townscape heritage initiative designed to restore some of Porthcawl's best-known buildings."



ABOVE: Children from Maes Yr Haul Primary School on Broadlands, Bridgend, with the replica World Cup trophy and goodies that were donated by the official World Cup sponsors, Sony.

Samba servings on World Cup day at local school!

THERE were samba servings from a Copacabana canteen last week at Maes Yr Haul Primary School in Broadlands, as the school's catering team held a special World Cup theme day.

An international flavour was added to the menu as the school went Brazil nuts, and pupils got a chance to hold a replica of the World Cup after one was donated by official sponsors Sony.

Pupils were also on the lookout for stickers that had been placed under a selection of food trays which could win them a prize of either a World Cup poster, mascot or a football donated by Sony.

Charity wants to talk about growing older

BRIDGEND residents are being invited to talk about growing older in the county borough, at the town's market on Wednesday, June 25.

Age Cymru will be there to gauge local opinion on the issue.

Deborah Smith, Age Cymru's engagement manager, said: "Age Cymru is working with Bridgend County

Borough Council to find out what local people think about growing older in Bridgend.

"We'll be at the indoor market from 9am on Wednesday, June 25, to hear your thoughts about living and growing older in Bridgend.

"Just look out for the Age Cymru banners and come along and have a chat with our friendly staff members. You can even enter our free prize draw to win £25 worth of Marks & Spencer vouchers."

Community cafe holds open day

SCOPE'S community activity café is holding an open day today (Thursday, June 19) from 10am-1pm at Talbot Community Centre, Prince Road, Kenfig Hill.

The cafe is run as part of the Big Lottery funded Community Companions – befriending for over 50s programme. There will be opportunities to meet the team of volunteers and find out how to volunteer on the project as an activity support volunteer or volunteer befriender.

A spokeswoman said: "With lots of activities every Thursday from

10am-2pm, Scope's community café offers the chance for older people who feel socially isolated to meet new people, catch up with old friends, take part in lots of fun activities and receive support and advice."

The Community Companions over 50s befriending scheme is co-ordinated by Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations (BAVO) in partnership with a range of statutory and voluntary organisations including Bridgend County Borough Council.

For further details, or to help out and volunteer at the café, call Donna Akdemir-Young on 07990583822.

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Huw Irranca-Davies MP and Coun Phil Jenkins, the Mayor of Maesteg officially open the Maesteg Town Hall box office in the Market Hall, Maesteg.

MP and Mayor open new box office at Maesteg Town Hall

ON Saturday, June 14, Huw Irranca-Davies MP and Coun Phil Jenkins, Mayor of Maesteg, opened the first dedicated box office for Maesteg Town Hall in its 133 year history!

The box office is a new venture for Maesteg Town Hall and aims to be the beginning of a new lease of life for the beautiful building at the heart of Maesteg Town centre.

Opened in 1881 there has never before been a dedicated box office, so the stall in the Market Hall, by the bus station in Maesteg is a first.

It is hoped that the box office will become the first port of call for people visiting Maesteg where local information, as well as tickets and information about the performances and events at Maesteg Town Hall can be found.

Mr Irranca-Davies spent time with the staff and public at Maesteg Town Hall discussing the future of the hall, exploring the new website and season

of shows. Louise Ralph, business development manager said: "The opening of the box office was a fantastic day for Maesteg Town Hall and Maesteg as a town. Mr Irranca-Davies MP and Coun Phil Jenkins praised the hard work of all the staff and volunteers who work at the hall."

The programme of events has been put together by James Amos and Louise Ralph in consultation with the volunteer board of directors of the hall, and the people of Maesteg.

James Amos said: "We spent a lot of time talking to people around the town to find out the type of events they wanted to go and see."

"This is a programme for the people of Maesteg, by the people of Maesteg and we hope there is something for everyone."

The box office can be found in Maesteg Market Hall, underneath the town hall and for more information go to www.maestegtownhall.com or call 01656 733700.

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Bridge news

RECENT results at the Porthcawl Bridge Club are as follows:

Saturday, May 31: First - Peter Bennett and Jean Hughes; second - Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett. Monday, June 2: First - Betty Longley and Sue Anthony; second - Trish Saunders and Pat Haworth.

Thursday, June 5: First - Peter Bennett and Jean Hughes; second - Rob Charlesworth and Julian Pottage. Saturday, June 7: First - Trish Saunders and Eileen Mahoney; second - Colin and Hazel Heard. Monday, June 9: First - Tony Haworth and Gary Williams; second - Terry Dolan and Roger Plant.

Thursday, June 12: First - Trish Cogbill and Trish Saunders; second - Tony Haworth and Keith Davison.

The club meets three times a week - Saturday and Thursday at the Awel-y-Mor centre, and Monday at the Glamorgan Holiday Hotel 7pm - 10.15pm. Visitors welcome at any time. To contact the club, call secretary Trish - 01656785794.

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VOLUNTEERS BRIGHTEN UP SHELTERED COMPLEX



The volunteers getting ready to start planting.

TWINNING CONCERT SPREADS ENTENTE CORDIALE!

ON Friday, June 6, Tabernacl Church, Bridgend, was filled to capacity to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the twinning of Bridgend and Villeneuve d'Orion near Bordeaux.

Taking part in the concert were Chorale du Lac, the Tabernacl Choir and the children of Oldcastle School.

In the first part, the audience was beguiled by a polished and assured performance of 12 songs by Chorale du Lac, among which were the Beatles song, 'Yesterday', a French translation of 'Where have all the flowers gone?' and 'Yellow Submarine' (green in French) with audience participation.

The choir, led by Joel Raynaud, even brought with them their own atmosphere created by smooth digital accompaniment and varied lighting.

The children's choir, conducted by Mrs Rose Harris and accompanied by Mrs Sue Prosser, fearlessly sang their four songs and delighted the audience by raising a banner to mark the link between them and Chorale du Lac during the singing of 'You are my Brother'.

The choir, led by Kevin Adams and accompanied by Rhian Jenkins, showed the variety and breadth of its repertoire from the opening blast of Handel's 'Zadok the Priest' to the beautifully sung 'Y Tangnefeddwy' by Eric Jones, and the joy of John Rutter's arrangement of 'When the Saints go Marching in'.

This concert was supported by a small ensemble of orchestral instruments, especially effective in the performance of the opening of Karl Jenkins' 'The Armed Man' and in the quiet Pavane by Faure.

This concert was made special by the visit of Chorale du Lac, the variety of the music from folk song to classical pieces, and the fact that it was Dr Adams' last concert after 20 years' service to Tabernacl Choir.

For the choir, the evident success of the evening must have been tinged with poignant regret.

Review by Eira Paskin

A CROWD of volunteers turned out to help residents of the Hafan Deg sheltered complex in Maesteg plant up their community garden.

Members of Maesteg Army Cadets, led by SSI Gordon-Harlow, showed that they all had green fingers by planting petunias, bizzies and marigolds which had been donated by Tesco and Asda.

Tesco also sent along some

volunteers who made tea and handed out cakes and biscuits. Mr Vic Gilbert, one of the residents, thanked the volunteers for their hard work.

He also thanked Huw Irranca-Davies, Ogmere MP and the deputy Mayor of Maesteg, Coun Mike Harpur, for coming along to show their support.

The event was organised by Alan Pearson, chairman of Maesteg Community Garden Projects.

MP's support for KPC

BRIDGEND MP Madeleine Moon visited KPC Youth, with a cheque received from completed parliamentary questionnaires, some toners to recycle and a raffle prize, for their charity golf day.

Madeline said: "KPC Youth is absolutely determined to keep the centre going and is raising money constantly to try and improve the buildings."

"Alison Mawby, the centre manager, is optimistic and is trying all means to raise funds. Their current BUY A BRICK £2 campaign has raised around £4,000 but has a target of £10,000, which would be used to match fund capital bids.



Madeleine Moon MP, with Alison Mawby and Karen Phillips of KPC.

"The annual charity golf day is tomorrow (Friday) and they are now recycling donations of all manner of items such as used postage stamps, printer toners, mobiles, old clothes and any quality items donated that they can sell to help raise necessary funds."

"The centre is a great hub for the local kids and with continued support from the community, it can update its centre and keep going."

If you can help with donations to BUY A BRICK, more information can be found on their website: <https://www.kpcyouth.org>.

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Pencoed pupils learn about House of Lords



Lord Touthig welcomed to Pencoed Comprehensive School. Left to right: Mr Pearce, Mrs Evans (deputy headteacher), Mr George (headteacher), Lord Touthig, Harri Legg-Edwards and Caitlin Jenkins, school council year-12; Mr Rea, Chair of governors.

PENCOED Comprehensive School hosted a talk from a member of the House of Lords on Friday, June 13, to encourage students to engage more with the UK's political and parliamentary process.

Lord Touthig met year-12 students for an hour to talk about the work and role of the

House of Lords. This was followed by a question and answer session on various aspects of the parliamentary process and life at Westminster generally.

Mr Andrew Pearce, head of sixth form said: "This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to interact with someone who knows the parliamentary system inside out, as it can sometimes seem far removed from their daily

lives."

The visit was arranged through the Lord Speaker's 'Peers in Schools' programme, which has been running across the UK since 2007 and has so far involved around 50,000 young people.

It sends members of the House of Lords into schools and colleges across the country to give talks in support of the citizenship curriculum.

Local man is a top leader

ADRIAN MORGAN from Bridgend was a winner at the prestigious 10th annual Leading Wales Awards, that champion leadership across Wales.

The Chief Executive at Cornelly & District Development Trust won the 'Leadership for the Future' category, supported by Cynnal Cymru at this year's awards, in association with Cardiff Metropolitan University.

He was one of 24 finalists across eight categories that span the public, private, voluntary/not-for-profit and social enterprise sectors and cross-sectoral categories, including Team Leader, Women in Leadership,

Young Leader (14 – 25 years) and Leadership for the Future.

Barbara Chidgey, spokesperson for the Leading Wales Awards, said: "A significant milestone has been reached this year with the awards celebrating its tenth anniversary. It's been another highly successful year of uncovering many individual leaders who really are having impact in our businesses, public and community services and charities all around Wales.

"Exceptional leadership in all sectors and at all levels of responsibility is essential if we are to build 'The Wales We Want'. Each of our finalists is indeed just that – an exceptional leader."



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Poignant time to remember the heroes who serve

ON this year's Armed Forces Day, June 28, we celebrate the military community in mid Glamorgan, which has special significance in a year which marks so many military milestones.

We are about to commemorate the centenary of the start of World War One. We have just paid tribute to D-Day, and we expect to see, by the end of this year, British troops returning home from Afghanistan.

All of these conflicts have left a different legacy. It is a legacy which the mid Glamorgan branch of SSAFA is proud to honour. SSAFA was the only military charity in mid Glamorgan to have served our armed forces' community throughout all of these wars.

Although we may be moving into a more peaceful period for our troops, the long term impact of war will

remain. We have recently been reminded of our veterans who served at D-Day and are soon to be reminded of the lost generations of World War One.

We don't know how those who have served in more recent conflicts will cope as time goes on but we know they will need us as surely as those who fought in conflicts past.

Each year, SSAFA mid Glamorgan branch supports around 170 veterans of all ages, including those who fought in WWII, those who did national service and their dependents.

But we are already seeing growing numbers of younger veterans coming forward with problems that are increasingly complex.

If you need help from SSAFA, or would like to volunteer to help our local military community, you can contact SSAFA mid Glamorgan branch on 01656 785435, or e mail daved43@sky.com.

Dave Davies BEM TD, SSAFA branch sec, Bridgend and mid Glamorgan.

'Swallow pride on Porthcawl regeneration' BCBC urged

BRIDGEND County Borough Council has been urged to "swallow its pride" and go back to the drawing board over its plans for Porthcawl regeneration.

Tory regional AM Suzy Davies said: "BCBC has pinned all its hopes on developing a supermarket on Salt Lake, but last week they announced that no viable bids have been received.

"While having a supermarket may have seemed like a good idea ten years ago, when the scheme was first mooted, that ship has sailed and it is time that the council faced up to reality.

"The council was depending on the money raised from selling the land to a supermarket chain to buy out the private owners and leaseholders involved. Well, it looks like that's not going to happen."

The Shadow Welsh tourism minister went on:

"While a premium supermarket would have added to the

town's offer, I was never convinced that a bog standard supermarket would have acted as any sort of a draw to the town anyway.

"It speaks volumes that the Porthcawl Maritime Centre, which local residents are proposing, is far more likely to enhance Porthcawl's attractions as a seaside resort than anything the council and its expensive consultants came up with.

"It's now time that the council ripped up Plan A and set about devising a Plan B – an alternative strategy. "But they must hold a meaningful consultation with Porthcawl residents – asking them what they want rather than telling them what they are going to get.

"I would imagine that there would also need to be talks with the private owners and leaseholders about the way forward.

"I am not sure where this latest development leaves the Owners' Agreement which the council signed with them."

Quiz league brain teasers

HERE are this week's specials:

1. Which Central American country has borders with Honduras and Costa Rica?
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1648, ended which long European war?

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Big turnout for Mair's Walk as charity event goes from strength to strength

THE annual charity event, 'Mair's Walk' the brainchild of Bridgend businesswoman Mair ap Gruffydd, once again attracted a turnout running into thousands.

As usual, the walkers started from Newbridge Fields, and made their way to Ogmores-by-Sea via the stepping stones, which this year were a little tricky due to river levels being higher than usual.

The official starter for the day was former Welsh rugby international scrum half Robert Jones (pictured below with Mair).

This year, the official T-Shirts were sponsored by Herbert R Thomas estate agents.

Gavin Rees, partner at HRT, said: "We were extremely proud to sponsor the t-shirts for Mair's Walk to help raise vital money for Velindre Hospital.

"Everyone really enjoyed the walk and the entertainment in the marquee afterwards. It was fantastic to see so many people come together to raise money for such a great cause".



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PORTHCAWL MAYOR'S CIVIC SERVICE IS A RELAXED AND FUN OCCASION



The guests for Coun Sean Aspey's Civic Service, outside All Saints Church in Porthcawl.
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The Porthcawl Ukelele Band entertained at the Seahorse pub.



The handbell ringers: Ray Jefferies, Gaynor Barnfield, Shirley Kenifick, Val Thomas, Hazel Calder, Avis Watkins.



NEW Porthcawl Mayor, Coun Sean Aspey, and his consort Patti Aspey, attended his Civic Service recently at All Saints Church, Porthcawl.

After the service, guests were invited to a hog roast at the Seahorse public house, where they were entertained by then Porthcawl Ukelele Band. Coun Aspey will be raising money for three local charities during his year in office. They are the Sandville Self-Help Centre, Forces charity SSAFA, and PAWS, the animal welfare charity.



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Community out in numbers to support popular Maesteg hospital charity event

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THE annual fete to raise funds for Maesteg Hospital took place recently, and it was well supported on a day when the sun shone.

Local businesses, community organisations and charities all came forward to meet the public and raise funds for worthy causes!



ABOVE: The girls from Cwtchi Mamas.



Volunteers from MAWS were out in force to help the charity.



Mr Michael Banks was one of the fundraisers.

WI ladies look forward to summer events

THE meeting of Coychurch WI was opened by the president, Sandra Davidson, who welcomed a new guest, Monika Bowen, who had recently moved to the village.

The business of the evening included:

- Final arrangements for the Ascot Theme Day today (June 19) which will be held in Star Inn, Treoes from 12pm-5pm;
- The 95th anniversary celebrations at the Williams Memorial Hall on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 8, based around a 1920s 'glad rags' theme'.

• GFWI centenary baton exchange arrangements.

Dates for the diary

THE Link 'Scavenger Hunt', Tuesday, July 15, at Bryngarw Park. The hunt will start at 2pm, followed by afternoon tea at 3.30pm. The cost will be £8.50.

Coach trip on Wednesday, August 13, visiting Tintern, Chepstow and Ross-on-Wye, culminating in some retail therapy at the Labels Outlet. The cost will be £11.

A thank you card was read out from Val Moore for the kind wishes and card following her recent hospitalisation.

The evening ended with our guest speaker, Margaret Rogers, president of Tonteg WI and a member of the GFWI Board of Trustees, giving us a most interesting talk on her role as an Olympic 'Games Maker' in 2012.

Margaret talked us through why she chose to take on this onerous task, the selection process, the security and uniform fittings, along with the part she played in the events, along with lots of anecdotal experiences of the people she met.

For further

information, contact Sandra Davidson on 01656 669232.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 1, at the Williams Memorial

Hall, Coychurch, where the guest speaker will be Lucy Johnson from the RSPB. Guests and new members always welcome to attend.

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Left to right: Cdt Clarke, ICFS Norris, Cdt Dixon, Cdt Sgt Morris and Cdt Flt Sgt Maine.

Cadets revel in their presentation evening

KENFIG HILL RAF Air Cadets held their annual presentation night, which was opened

by **Flt Lt Gary Woodward, Master of Ceremonies.**

He welcomed cadets, staff and members of the

civilian committee. The cadets were looking forward to finding out who had qualified in 2013 for the awards to be presented.

The successful recipients were: 'Best in Academics' Cdt Sgt Norris; 'Best NCO' Cdt Cpl Morris; 'Best in Sports' Cdt Sgt Maine; 'Certificate of Merit' went to Cdt Clarke and finally 'Best Cadet' for 2013 Cdt Dixon.

After the awards, Sqn Ldr Barry C Thomas, Officer Commanding, gave a speech in which he thanked the staff, cadets and civilian committee for another good year.

Mr Mark Leadbetter, newly appointed chairman of the civilian committee, gave a short speech explaining how he was looking into ways of fundraising to acquire a mini bus for squadron activities.

Before bringing the official part of the evening to a close, Flt Lt Woodward thanked staff and cadets for the work they have done this year.

After the official part of the evening, the staff and cadets enjoyed a barbecue with food cooked by Cdt Cpl Evans, who recently qualified for his food hygiene certificate.

Lindsay Thomas

PORTHCAWL CLUB'S £500 DONATION TO SEA CADETS

ON Friday, June 13, Steve Gillet, president of the Porthcawl United Services Club, handed over a cheque for £500 to Dave Cheeseman, commanding officer of Porthcawl Sea Cadets.

The money was raised from donations collected in a charity bottle in the lounge bar and was filled by members and guests over about 10 months.

Also, during every bank holiday weekend, the committee donated the highest amount of raffle money raised over a Friday, Saturday or Sunday night.

Mr Cheeseman was accompanied by two young sea cadets in uniform, who brought their own charity bottles for a collection, from which they raised additional funds.

Members of the Committee would like to thank all who contributed to raising this tremendous amount of money to help the Sea Cadets.

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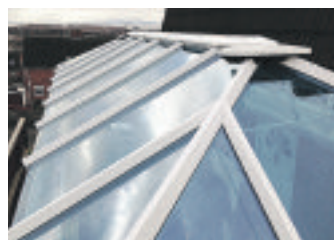
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Firms fined after child's death in electric sliding gate

A SWANSEA installation firm and a Cardiff maintenance company have been sentenced for serious safety failings, after a five-year-old girl was crushed to death by an electric gate.

Karolina Golabek was killed when she became trapped between the closing edge of the gate and the gate post outside flats near her home in Bridgend on July 3, 2010.

The incident was investigated by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), which prosecuted John Glen (Installation Services) Ltd and Tremorfa Ltd after finding the gate was inherently unsafe and posed a clear risk.

Cardiff Crown Court heard today that Karolina was playing around the gates in Brook Court when they automatically closed after a car passed through. Her body was found in the gap between the post and gate a short time later by a resident.

She was rushed to hospital, but died as a result of her injuries.

HSE found that the closing force of the gate did not meet European and British safety standards. It was in excess of 2,000N, the equivalent to the force created by a weight of 440lbs

(220kgs). There were also dangers with the gate structure, which left space for people to get trapped, and there were insufficient safety devices to detect a person in the area that would automatically prevent it closing. These safety features were incorrectly set.

The court was told that John Glen (Installation Services) Ltd had fitted a new electric motor to the gate when a previous motor had broken. The gate was put back into use despite the fact that there were obvious trapping points.

The firm also failed to properly test that the gate stopped when it met an obstruction, or test the force that the gate closed with.

Tremorfa Limited was contracted to maintain the gate. Despite carrying out two maintenance visits, the last one just six weeks before Karolina's death, the company did not carry out vital safety checks, including closing force measurements.

John Glen (Installation Services) Ltd of Phoenix Way, Garngoch Industrial Estate, Swansea, was fined £60,000 and ordered to pay £40,000 in costs after pleading guilty to breaching Section 3(1) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

Tremorfa Ltd, of Pascal Close, St Mellons, Cardiff, was fined £50,000 with costs of £40,000 also pleaded guilty to the same charge.

HSE Inspector Stuart Charles, speaking after the hearing, said: "Karolina's death has left her family devastated, and yet it could so easily have been avoided.

"Both companies walked away from the gate, leaving it in an unsafe condition. Both could have prevented this tragedy.

"Automated gates are becoming more common and it's sometimes difficult to appreciate that even small gates can close with significant force.

"Badly installed and maintained gates are a threat to all pedestrians, but young children are particularly vulnerable because they are often completely unaware of the dangers.

"No-one should install or work on automated gates without knowing the relevant safety standards or without having the right equipment to check that the gate is safe after they have worked on it.

"If you own, or are responsible for managing properties with automatic gates, you should ensure they are properly maintained. You should also ensure that those carrying out the maintenance are competent to do so."

Further information about electric gates can be found on the HSE website at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/press/2010/hse-electricgates.htm>.

Local church hears climate change lecture

RIGHT:
Dr John Weaver.

DR John Weaver will deliver the summer lecture in Stanwell Road Baptist Church, Penarth on Friday, June 27 at 7.30pm, entitled 'Droughts, storms, floods – end of the world?'

Dr Weaver graduated in geology and obtained his doctorate before lecturing in the subject for seven years.

He then decided to enter the Baptist



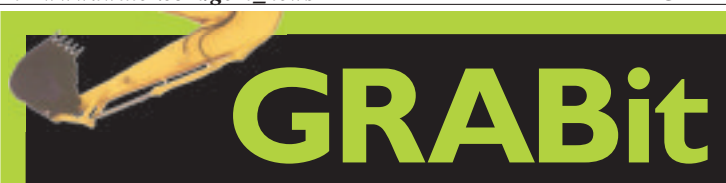
ministry and ended his career as principal of the South Wales Baptist College.

His recent publications include *Hopeful Disciples in a Time of Climate Change*; *Is Fracking good for us?* and *Energy security, Energy prices and the Environment*.

Climate change is much debated in the media and Penarth Council of Churches invites all those interested in this topic to come along to Stanwell Road Baptist Church, which is opposite West House.

Every opportunity will be given to those who wish to ask questions and to engage in this debate in what should be a fascinating evening.

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Rogue traders given 18-month prison sentences

TWO rogue traders have been sentenced to 18-month prison terms, following a successful prosecution led by the Vale Council's Trading Standards team.

A third man received a 12-month suspended sentence and 120 hours of community service for his role in a tarmacking scam that had at least 16 victims across south Wales.

David James Snr, David James Jnr and Stephen Hewes, operating as National Tarmac, cold-called victims at their homes, offering to resurface their driveways.

While referring to fictional contracts with well-known companies and local councils, the three used what appeared to be professional marketing literature and a website to dupe customers into agreeing the work.

The Vale Council led the prosecution on behalf of a number of other local authorities in Wales, including

Newport, Caerphilly, Blaenau Gwent, Merthyr and Rhondda Cynon Taff.

The principal trading standards officer for the Vale Council, Christina Roberts-Kinsey, said afterwards: "Victims of the scam paid up to £1,100 for resurfacing work, which was often done in an hour or less, and following which repairs and remedial work were always necessary."

"When customers questioned the men, or raised concerns about the quality of the work, they met with intimidation and aggressive demands for immediate payment. Following the work to his driveway, one victim had to pay £3,500 to have the surface repaired and re-laid."

The council will not tolerate any fraudulent activity in the Vale and had no hesitation in leading the prosecution against these rogue traders."

During sentencing, the judge at Cardiff Crown Court pointed out that a chartered surveyor had inspected nine of the



David James Sr.

victims' driveways and described the work as inadequate and poor.

When sentencing them to prison terms, the judge told David James Jnr and Stephen Hewes: "It is clear this was a well thought-out, fraudulent arrangement and you took money for worthless services."

"You are experienced, having worked in similar roles for several years and so you both knew what you were doing. An immediate custodial sentence is therefore justified."

Following the prosecution, Coun Neil Moore, Leader of the Vale Council, said: "Our trading standards officers work exceptionally hard to bring fraudulent traders such as these men to justice. This was a sophisticated con that preyed on vulnerable people. The strong action of the Vale Council sends a clear signal that we will use our full enforcement powers to stop rogue traders operating in the Vale."



David James Jr.



Stephen Hewes.

Bus companies are invited to bid for airport express route

by
PHILIP IRWIN

THE controversial T9 bus service from Cardiff to Cardiff Airport at Rhoose, hit the headlines again last week, when it was reported that First Cymru had pulled out.

However, within 24 hours, First Cymru described the situation as "normal procedure" because the original short-term contract expired on August 16, and said the company would be re-tendering for the service.

The T9 service known as 'Cardiff Airport Express' takes passengers between Cardiff City Centre, Cardiff Bay, and the terminal at Cardiff Airport at regular intervals throughout the day, seven days per week.

The Vale Council runs the

service on behalf of the Welsh Government, and it will be handling the re-tendering process.

The service may change, as a result of a report, by Professor Cole of the University of South Wales, which was commissioned by the Welsh Government to review the effectiveness of the new service.

The Welsh Conservative Leader and regional AM, Andrew RT Davies, said: "It is reassuring to hear that First Cymru plan to re-tender for the T9 service."

"Clearly efficient transport links are integral to the success of Cardiff Airport and a shuttle service is required if passengers

are going to view it as a viable option when planning their flights.

"One thing which concerned me, when Professor Cole published his recent report, was the fact that he ruled out allowing ordinary passengers to use the service."

"Given that the T9 has contributed to the loss of a bus service for many Vale residents, I would like to see this reconsidered."

"Limited access at certain points along the route would increase the number of passengers using the service, and reduce the subsidy required by the Welsh Government to make the T9 economically viable."

Vale AM's surgery

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, will be holding an advice surgery tomorrow (Friday, June 20) from 4pm-5pm at Murchfield Hall, Dinas Powys.

PACT change

THE date of the next PACT meeting in the Oldcastle ward has changed to Wednesday, July 16 at 1.30pm in Brynteg school lower library.

Howard Marks

THE correct date for Howard Marks' appearance at the Barry Arts Festival is Wednesday, July 30, NOT July 3, as was stated in last week's GEM.

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Local young farmers help Somerset clean-up

FOLLOWING a successful fundraising event in February in aid of farmers affected by the Somerset floods, members of Glamorgan Young Farmers recently volunteered their time to help with the clean-up.

Members travelled to Bridgwater, Somerset on Friday, June 6 where they were greeted by welcoming Somerset Young Farmers members and local farmers.

As expected, the hospitality and make-shift accommodation arrangements could not be faulted and members enjoyed a social evening in readiness for a day's labour.

An early start on Saturday morning began with a cooked breakfast to fuel the eager volunteers. Members then dispersed to a variety of jobs. From sweeping, clearing and tidying to tractor driving and chain-sawing, it can definitely be said that Glamorgan YFC made their mark on the clean-up efforts.

The local farming community in Bridgwater were very grateful and a spokesperson said: "It is unbelievable the amount



A volunteer.

of support and help we have received since the flooding. The Young Farmers movement is so diverse and today is just one example of the great work that the members do and we thank them sincerely for their help here".

The weekend of volunteering did not end in Somerset. Back home in Glamorgan on Sunday, June 8, members volunteered at various open farm Sunday events across the county. Duties included car parking, stewarding, serving refreshments plus lots more.

Glamorgan YFC is a dynamic group of like-minded members aged between 10 and 26. The annual programme includes a variety of competitions, social events, community projects and volunteering, travel and



YFC volunteer - Chair Beth John.

training opportunities.

For more information visit www.glamorgan.brick.co.uk, follow @GlamorganYFC on twitter, or like 'Glamorgan YFC' Facebook page. New members are always welcome.

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The YFC volunteers who went to Somerset to help farmers who are still recovering from the floods.

Eccentric artist is a 'forgotten treasure'

ART Central Gallery recently played host to a talk given by Professor Tony Curtis on behalf of Art Central Friends about the life and work of an eccentric, highly amusing and talented lady.

Ray Howard Jones was born in Berkshire to a well-to-do family, but came to live in Penarth with her grandparents when she was quite young.

She did her first painting at the age of eight from the gate house window in Tenby and from then on, she delighted in painting the landscapes and scenes of Pembrokeshire, where she spent much of her time, when not at her home in London.

A classically-trained artist at the Slade School, she became one of the very few accredited female war artists during World War Two and painted the preparations for the D-Day landings taking place in and around Barry and Cardiff.

Later, she and her partner Ray Moore were temporary wardens of the island of Skomer, where not only did she love to commune with nature in her birthday suit but spent hours sketching the wildlife and painting the

wonderful landscapes the island afforded.

She had a fine, descriptive way with words and wrote amusingly and often to her friends, and especially to her sister. Her letters were punctuated with poetry and sketches of what she had seen, as she fancied herself also to be a poet.

Much of her work is held in private collections but Tenby Museum and the National Museum of Wales have many, many examples of her work, as does the Imperial War Museum in London.

Professor Tony Curtis has not only helped curate this exhibition, supported by the University of South Wales and Tenby Museum but has given his highly informative, insightful and amusing talks at three previous venues on this exhibition's tour, which began in September 2013 in Tenby.

Art Central Friends thank Tracey Harding and the Vale Council for allowing us to hold this event at the beautiful Art Central Gallery in Barry, and also to all the people who attended and showed their support.

To see and learn more about Ray Howard Jones - Google her name for many examples of her work. Also see the 'FRIENDS' site at www.artcentralfriends.org.uk.

Monika Jones

The untold tale of Welsh rugby players lost in Great War

GWYN PRESCOTT, who played alongside Gareth Edwards in the 1965 Welsh Secondary Schools team and later played for Cambridge University, is the author of several rugby books and his latest Call them to remembrance - The Welsh rugby internationals who died in the Great War, is published by St David's Press at £14.99.

One of the 13 players featured in this well-illustrated book is David Watts, born in Cwmdu, Maesteg, on March 14, 1886.

He began his rugby career with Maesteg Quins, but later joined a number of clubs in the Valleys. He won four

BOOK REVIEW
by BRIAN LEE

Welsh caps and we are told that: "He may have been a victim of friendly artillery fire when waiting in no-man's land."

He left behind a widow and two children, but like most of the 7th King's (Shropshire light infantry) killed that day, he had no known grave.

Horace Wyndham Thomas, born at Penttyrch on July 28, 1890, played for Bridgend County (Grammar) School and eventually captained the rugby team.

He went on to gain two Welsh caps in 1912 and 1913.

A report by Private John Jones provides the sad details of his death: "Mr Thomas... was with me in the first line of

German trenches... when he was hit by a shell and being blown to bits and killed outright."

He is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing of the Somme.

As Gerald Davies writes in his foreword: "These pages contain an unexplored and untold tale which, from the deepest anguish of the suffering born of the unquestioning bravery, pierces the heart."

"Theirs was a sacrifice which needs to be told!"

The highest praise that I can give this heartwarming book is that my late good friend John Billot, one time sports editor at the Western Mail, and a great rugby writer in his own right, would have loved it.

Fruit tree map in Cowbridge?

A COWBRIDGE group want to create a map of fruit trees in the town so that residents can donate spare fruit and get help with harvesting.

Harvest Cowbridge is holding a mapping workshop on Tuesday, June 24, at 6pm in the Creative Rural Communities office.

To find out more, contact Debbie Leigh on 07890 407670, 01446 775230 or info@hubcowbridge.com.

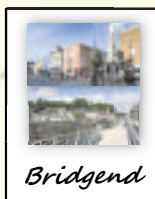
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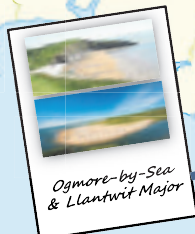
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Dedicated BHF volunteer Laura wins retail award

LOCAL volunteer Michaela Grey has received the Retail Volunteer of the Year Award from British Heart Foundation (BHF) Cymru for her hard work and commitment to its Bridgend shop.

Michaela was one of seven Wales Heart Hero Award winners recognised during Volunteers Week at BHF Cymru's annual Supporters' Conference in the Millennium Stadium, Cardiff.

A spokesperson for the charity said: "Every volunteer is a real heart hero for BHF Cymru, but Michaela's hard work and willingness to help out make her a true inspiration. Since she began working in the Bridgend shop on a voluntary placement following a visit to the local job centre over a year ago, Michaela has gone from strength to strength and has been directly credited with helping to improve sales."

"She has also taken full advantage of BHF Cymru's partnership with Bridgend College to further her skills and is currently working towards achieving a Customer Service Level 2 NVQ following the completion of a Retail Diploma."

Laura James, BHF Cymru Bridgend shop manager, added: "Since beginning her placement, Michaela has become deservedly popular with staff and our customers, and we are really pleased she has won this award as a reflection of her hard work."

Volunteering time with BHF Cymru helps to fund vital research into heart disease to save lives. BHF Cymru recently launched a campaign which will raise money for research that will



Volunteer Michaela Grey.

help to track down all the genes responsible for inherited heart conditions, which affect over 28,000 people in Wales.

BHF Chief Executive Simon Gillespie commented: "Michaela has shown great dedication to our Bridgend shop, and thanks to all of her hard work we will be able to invest even more vital funds into our fight against heart disease in Wales."

"We need more people in the area to join our fight for every heartbeat in Wales. Every pound raised, every minute of your time and every donation to our shops will help make a difference to local people's lives. There is no better time to find out how volunteering your time can make a difference, so please get in touch today."

BHF Cymru relies on donations of time and money to continue its life-saving work. To find out more about how to get involved, please contact Jayne Lewis, Fundraising Volunteer Manager on 01554 891 500 or by email on lewisja@bhf.org.uk or visit bhf.org.uk.

THE BILLBOARD JUNIORS TAKE 5 AT GLAMMIES!



Ceri Goodwin (Juniors director), Jonathan Coombs (company principal) and members of Billboard Juniors.

THE cast of Billboard Juniors had an amazing night at 'The Glammies 2013-14' organised by the Glamorgan Drama League, which spans south and west Wales amateur dramatics companies, where they took home five top awards for their colourful production of *Seussical the Musical Jr.*

Prizes for cast members include winning 'best female actress in a youth musical' (Kelsey Ryan), 'under-13 young male achiever award' (Ross Neale), 'under-13 young female achiever award' (Ffion Cancelliere) and Billboard Juniors as a company received 'best presentation musical' and the big award for the night 'overall best youth musical'.

Ceri Goodwin Director of the Junior section said: "The awards go

to show the talent that exists within Billboard Juniors, I am so proud of each junior member, we work so hard on our shows but more importantly we have great fun and love rehearsing together. We are a big family".

Due to an overwhelming demand we have decided to move our auditions for new members to late August. For more information visit www.billboard-ensemble.com, follow the Billboard Ensemble Facebook page, or contact Ceri on 07538000180.

MILK MATES

THERE is a chance to grab a bargain of baby/child/maternity items when Barry Milk Mates host a nearly new sale on Saturday, June 28 (10am - 1pm) at Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry. Free entry. Refreshments, homemade cakes on sale.

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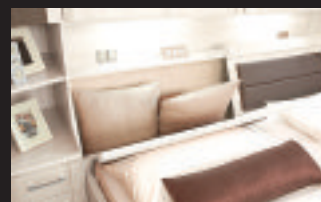
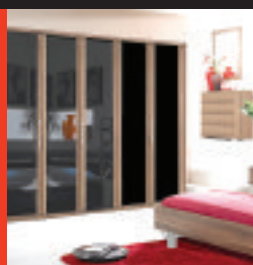
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In this week's issue of The GEM - and over coming months - numerous festivals, fetes and summer attractions will be publicised.

We are fortunate to be living in a delightful corner of Wales with the lure of beautiful rural areas and the coast. So take advantage of the balmy weather and family friendly events, along with the warm welcome provided by our local pubs and restaurants, and make sure you're not missing out on the blazing summer of 2014.

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US SINGER PLAYS BARRY

MISSISSIPPI-raised Southern Roots artist Lisa Mills is on a UK and European tour in support of her re-released debut album 'I'm Changing' and plays West End Club, 54, St Nicholas Road, Barry on Friday, July 11.

Lisa Mills has appeared on records alongside the likes of Robert Plant and Jeff Beck, as well as fronting Janis Joplin's former band Big Brother and the Holding Company.

Backed by a successful crowd funding campaign, Lisa has re-visited her debut record, which will be re-released this summer. As well as re-recorded songs it will also include three brand new tracks.

For tickets call Mike Duggan at 07882 227537 or 07561 143114.

ART EXHIBITION

LANTWIT MAJOR Art and Craft Group will be holding its annual exhibition at Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major on June 21 and 22 from 10.30am-3.30pm.

Part of the Lions' family fun day, it will feature a wide range of art and craft work, many of which will be for sale. Raffle and refreshments.



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Kite festival a celebration of town's beautiful scenery

THE Barry arts group, Art4U, is staging a Summer Solstice event to celebrate at Knap Point and Old Pool (above Watchtower Bay) Barry, on Sunday, June 22 from 2.30pm (weather permitting).

The community event centres around a featured sculpture called 'Khandroma' which means 'Sky Dancer'.

The piece will be decorated with coloured flags and people are invited

to come along and fly a kite while soaking up the beautiful scenery.

The event is free, donations warmly received. Art4U is a voluntary arts group who aim to bring collaborative art to the public of Barry and bring people outdoors to celebrate nature.

For more information on Art4U and the 'Celebration of the Sky' festival, visit www.art4uwales.org.uk.

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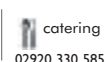
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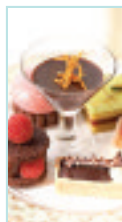
- Selection of finger sandwiches
- Chocolate covered strawberries
- Chocolate brownie
- Mini chocolate fondue
- Chocolate mocha mousse
- Scone Jam and Cream

Tea suggestion

Dark choc chilli chai tea

Cocktail suggestion

Chocolate martini
(chocolate liqueur, Baileys,
amaretto, cream and a
dusting of chocolate)



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NEW Raffles High Tea

- Duck spring rolls with sweet chilli
- Satay chicken skewers with peanut sauce
- Mini thai salmon fishcakes
- Lemongrass and ginger cupcake
- Hibiscus and passionfruit champagne jelly
- Scone with Jam and Cream

Tea suggestion

Pandalicious liquorice tea

Cocktail suggestion

Singapore sling (gin, cherry brandy,
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NEW Summer Puddings Afternoon Tea

- Selection of finger sandwiches
- Rhubarb fool
- Summer pudding with vanilla
- Raspberry Eton mess
- Sherry trifle
- Scone Jam and Cream

Tea suggestion

Strawberry lemonade tea

Cocktail suggestion

rhubarb and strawberry
mimosa (rhubarb,
strawberries, lime and
Champagne)



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NCT gardens now open for viewing

THE following gardens are open on the weekend of June 21 and 22, under the NCT Gardens scheme.

Cefn Cribwr Garden Club, Cefn Cribwr, Bridgend, CF32 0AP

Cefn Cribwr gardening club is the heart of a friendly community. The nine diverse gardens vary from the local school allotments, an exposed mature garden, a recycled garden, a garden that has its own composting system, a children's garden, a rustic garden, an artists' garden, a productive vegetable garden and, lastly, a small fascinating garden. Just about something for everyone.

Open: Sun, June 22 (11am – 5pm), admission £4.

Heronbridge School, Ewenny Road, Bridgend, Glamorgan, CF31 3HT

The special needs school which won silver at Chelsea 2011 and gold and Best in Show in RHS Cardiff 2013. You are welcome to visit our sensory kitchen and formal gardens and our heritage orchard, with swings and a willow tunnel. Fantastic homemade cakes made by our children, display of slides from our sister schools in Botswana and Tanzania; imaginative projects for the gardens.

Open: Sun, June 22 (12 noon – 4pm). Visitors also welcome by appointment April to July for any size group, admission £3.

Maes-y-Wertha Farm, Bryncethin,

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Penmark Village Gardens, Penmark, CF62 3BP

TWO wonderfully different gardens opening, both with attractive features, well worth a visit.

Penmark Place with year-round interest and Sefton Bungalow with beautiful borders. Also a craft fair in the village hall. Please note that two gardens are not able to open as part of this group as previously advertised.

Open: Saturday, June 28 (11am – 5pm), admission £4.

Penylan Gardens, Penylan, Cardiff, CF23 5BY

PENYLAN is a Victorian suburb of mostly terraced houses with small gardens and many parks.

The gardens open show a variety of ways of adding interest and individuality to a small space including Mediterranean-style sunny patio areas, informal mix of cottage plants, a riot of exotic foliage, stone walled SE facing cottage garden offering colour and peace away from the busy main road and a bijou terrace garden

profusely planted with an abundance of unusual and exotic plants.

Victoria Thornton and Pat and Mel Griffiths are regular winners in the Cardiff in Bloom competition. Maps showing the gardens will be available

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Chicory dickory choc
Cocktail suggestion
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Cocktail suggestion
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St David's Church in Wales Primary School choir.

THE Harmonious Harps Ensemble and St David's Church in Wales Primary School Choir annual concert, marking the start of summer, will be held at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge this Friday, June 20 at 6.30pm.

The harp ensemble will be performing a programme of light music with the choir singing uplifting joyful melodies.

There will also be solo performances on piano, trumpet, voice and harp.

Soloists include winners and finalists of the Cardiff & Vale Urdd Eisteddfod, South Glamorgan Festival of Young Musicians, the Music in the Vale competition and from the Urdd National Eisteddfod.

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Dinas Powys show schedule is now out

DINAS POWYS Village Show takes place on Saturday, August 30 at the Parish and Lee Halls.

The schedule has now gone to be printed and should be available by the end of June.

There are 100 classes in the open section ranging from cookery, fruit and vegetables, flowers, shrubs and houseplants, painting and drawing, floral art, photography, needlecrafts and craftwork.

In addition, there are 20 classes for young people ranging from nursery age through to pupils aged 11.

More details of the classes can be obtained from Val Hartrey at 029 2051 3274, or from valhartrey@talktalk.net.

The schedules will also be available from many outlets in Dinas Powys, and Penarth Library.

Cefn Cribwr's open gardens

ATOTAL of 11 gardens in Cefn Cribwr will be open to the public on Sunday, June 22 from 11am to 5pm, through the National Gardens Scheme - 'Gardens open for Charity'.

The 11 diverse gardens vary from an exposed mature garden, a recycled garden, a garden that has its own composting system, a children's garden, a rustic garden, an artists' garden and lastly a productive vegetable garden.

The venues include: allotments and community garden behind the community centre; 15 Green Meadow; 2 Bryn Terrace; 21 West Avenue; 25 East Avenue; 6 Bedford Road; 13 Bedford Road; 77 Cefn Road; Wesleyan Church Garden; 6 Tai Thorn, and Hill Top.

As well as the opportunity to view a wide range of very different gardens, there will be craft stalls, cakes, pickles, refreshments and plants for sale at the community centre (Green Hall) where tickets for admission to the gardens will be on sale.

Tickets are £4 for adults and give admission to all 11 gardens. Admission for children is free.

All the funds raised by Open Gardens, organised in the village by Cefn Cribwr Gardening Club, are donated to charities including Macmillan Cancer Support and Marie Curie Cancer Care.

For more information, visit www.ngs.org.uk, contact Veronica Davies (email: vanandpete@hotmail.com) or Tracy Birch (01656 743410).

The Ruth Watts Challenge needs you!

MY letter inviting a reunion of Ruth Watts' cubs of 1948 to sit on her seat on the Llancarfan pétanque (boules) piste brought together about 25 people.

There was much chat about the old days and promises to meet in the future at the piste.

The passing of 60 years was accepted as a lifetime. Now there is a chance to meet again.

On Sunday, June 22, a competition will be held at the piste for the Ruth Watts Challenge Shield, sponsored by Llancarfan Society.

Teams of three will play a round robin and the semi-finalists play a knockout.

Teams wishing to register prior to the day should contact Russ Watts at russ.watts@btopenworld.com.

Team and name gathering at the piste will be at 2pm and play will commence at 2:30pm.

The cost is £1 per

head (£3 per team). Length of play will depend on the number of teams in the competition. Feel free to bring your own refreshments.

All ages are welcome for an afternoon of fun. No experience required; there are no handicaps, only the lack of skill and bad luck.

Good fortune favours the brave. Best wishes for a sporting (and, hopefully) sunny afternoon!

PHIL WATTS.



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Cowbridge Vintage and Wedding Fair

IT'S time for the town of Cowbridge to step back in time for the day and celebrate the world of Vintage and Wedding Vintage all under one roof, on June 28 at the town hall, High Street, Cowbridge.

Organiser Kelly Reardon said: "This is our first of its kind, partnering a fabulous vintage emporium with the ever so popular Wedding Vintage which is hugely on trend right now."

Whether you're a vintage aficionado, have your wedding day looming, or just looking for something different

to do, Cowbridge Vintage and Wedding Vintage Fair will be offering live music, dazzling finds and a vintage pop up tea room for shoppers to enjoy a well-earned piece of tea and cake.

There will also be vintage make-up demonstrations and hairstylists there to show you how to do the perfect victory roll and 50s flick.

The Cowbridge Vintage and Wedding Vintage Fair takes place on Saturday, June 28 from 11am-4pm at Cowbridge Town Hall. Entry is £2 for adults and free for children under 12.

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DO BETTER WITH YOUR WEBSITE

YOU browse to get information; buy products; research interesting topics; follow the news or simply have a look around.

You look at all sorts of sites, some easy to follow and some you get lost in. You get impatient and wonder why they cannot do better.

Mike J had some of the answers and shared them with us. They boil down to two factors: forethought and skills.

Forethought means considering what information you want to impart and the kinds of people you want to access and use it.

The content design should be influenced by what they would like to see.

You may be at the cutting edge of technology, but the good old paper and pencil will be needed to jot down your ideas before you start and to scribble the little ideas that occur to you as you progress.

You might have the artistic skills to decide on visual presentation. If not, get inspiration from websites on the various ways they show their content by layout on the page and by the use (or not) of colour.

You are, of course, already expert in your subject, (personal blog, technical topic, family history).

Then comes the learning - how to construct the site. First get a unique name for your site (search: getting a domain name). Then you need a software package to start constructing your site.

You can spend as long as you like building your site on your computer and tweaking and testing it before uploading it to

the Web to tell the world. You can start small and expand later if you wish, but be prepared to update your site as and when needed.

There are books that will guide you and services that will build it for you at a price. If you want to do it yourself you will need to learn HTML (Hyper Text Mark-up Language) and CSS (Cascading Style Sheets).

The HTML language gives the computer precise information about what to show on the screen. It works in the background: providing links to other pages (or sites) as well as locating text, frames, graphics and colours.

Cascading style sheets are used to store elements common to multiple pages so that they can be called for as needed. They are labour and time-saving because the relevant HTML need not be included in every page. If a component needs changing, it has to be changed only on the style sheet.

Some website authoring programmes will provide numerous templates. These can be readily modified on screen by dragging and dropping from a selection.

A click will convert it into a web page without having to write HTML.

This is handy, as HTML is a precise language. A single wrong character can cause a lot of trouble and be hard to find and correct.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, June 24 at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, 7.30pm for 8pm. Chips and chat and a fun quiz; visitors always welcome: penarthcomputerclub.co.uk.

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BUMBLEBEES AND HONEYBEES...

THIS month has been proving very busy, with much of the time spent answering queries about bumblebees and, of course, collecting swarming honeybees.

Can I through my column dispense information that I think may help people who are experiencing the presence of bumblebees on or in their property?

When a call is made to the environmental department of the Vale Council, they are in the habit of passing the enquiry on to a beekeeper. This is in the hope that I or others will deal with the problem; often we cannot as the colony is established in a loft or within a wall.

NEWS FROM THE FONMON APIARY

Even if I could get to the colony, trying to relocate them usually spells the death knell for them.

Might I point out that bumblebees do not SWARM! Yes, they have a sting but they would have to be severely provoked into using it, ie, the nest being disturbed. No harm is likely to be done to the property by the bees, in fact your garden will benefit from their pollinating services.

Let me point out the difference between bumblebees and honeybees.

First and foremost, the bumblebees will not be there forever. Towards

the end of the year, all of the bumblebees are going to die, except for several of their number that have been selected to be queens in the following year.

These selected bees (queens) will go and hibernate as a solitary bee and will not emerge until spring the next year and will look for a new nesting site. Your bee problem will be over.

Honeybees do have much larger numbers and will remain in their chosen site permanently if left to their own devices. If the beekeeper can get at them and ensure that the queen is removed, they can be relocated successfully.

Unlike the bumblebees they do live throughout the whole of the year and they do SWARM! When honeybees set up home in a property, like the bumblebee they will not cause any damage.

Basically that is the difference between bumblebees and honeybees.

The advantage for the beekeeper is that honeybees gather nectar and convert it into honey and store it to aid their survival for the coming winter. Given fair weather, they will collect and store far more than they require and the beekeepers can remove some of this excess for themselves.

Now the bumblebees

have a totally different approach, the amount of nectar that they collect is only to meet their daily requirements; there is no long-term storage plan, because nobody will be there to use it.

For those with access to the Internet visit the Bumblebee Conservation Society website, your knowledge will improve and you might even take steps yourselves to ensure that bumblebees get a helping hand.

There is a new kid on the block however! This is the Tree Bumblebee. It has a preference for nesting in bird-boxes.

When this occurs the removal of the nest-box (in the evening) usually solves the problem.

Why the evening? Well the bees will all be at home as they do not fly in the dark.

The entrance can be blocked, the box unscrewed and everything and all of the bees can be moved with very little disturbance to a new site. (Easy to get at you see.)

Local councils need to be aware of this and have someone employed that can do this.

The Vale Council environmental literature does state that they are there to ensure the safety and welfare of visitors and residents in the Vale.

Can I apologise to those of you who have tried to contact me and had no reply? There are only so many hours in the day.

HAROLD WILLIAMS

Bindy is dog of the week!

The GEM has joined forces with the Dogs Trust to find suitable homes for inmates at the Bridgend rehoming centre

“BINDY is a nine-year-old Beagle. Although she is nine, she is still young at heart, and loves a good long walk so will need a fairly active home. She mixes really well with other dogs, and we think she might be best suited to living with another dog.

“Being a Beagle, she can be an independent girl, but she does enjoy interactions and a cuddle. It will take time for Bindy to settle in, but with time and patience, she will make a fun and rewarding companion!”

“If you feel you can offer Bindy, or any of our lovely dogs a home, please do pop into Dogs Trust Bridgend. We are open 12pm – 4pm every day except Monday, with late night opening until 7.30pm on Wednesdays.

“We are also gearing up to our Fun day and Dog Show on Sunday, June 22, at Margam Park, 10.30am-4pm. We would love to see you and your dogs there!”

LINDA FEAGAN



Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D831.

● **£2,000:** 240029.

● The rollover, which now stands at **£2,000** was not won this week.

● **£10:** 2 3 6 0 9 1, 537307, 794232, 370196, 877108, 845763, 582530, 710356, 595288, 457118, 258650, 581832, 672383, 892932, 451965, 431177, 701302, 795838, 823153.

● **£5:** 643293, 670143, 646649, 485584, 164867, 793295, 823323, 772804, 714004,

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For lottery information please telephone 029 2053 2300.

Coffee morning helps support 'iconic species'

RECORD numbers of rhinos are being poached and killed for their horn. Many of those horns end up being sold illegally for their supposed medicinal properties – in countries such as Vietnam and China.

Last year, in South Africa alone, the death toll of rhinos poached and killed for their horn rose to 1,004 – which is the equivalent of three a day!

Barry councillors Rob and Claire Curtis say they are determined to help protect the last remaining wild rhinos and have thanked those

who turned out to support their recent 'Fairtrade Coffee, Cake and Conservation' morning at their home.

They managed to raise, with the help of a raffle and a rhino quiz, a grand total of £350, which will be donated to WWF's rhino campaign.

Coun Curtis, who is also the Vale's biodiversity champion, said: "I am proud of the fact that so many Barry people care about such an iconic species – which is facing certain extinction if action is not taken soon to protect their numbers."

GARDEN PARTY

THIS will be held on Saturday, June 21 from 1pm – 5pm in St Peter's rectory garden in Peterston-super-Ely. Barbecue, cream teas and Pimm's. Bouncy castle and games for the children, plus stalls with cakes, fruit, plants and bric-a-brac.

Telephone 01446 760757 for more details.

THE CHARGE IS ON! FONMON CASTLE HOSTS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF POLO



FONMON Castle Grounds was the location for one of Wales' premier polo events on June 8 – Wales V Ireland.

At first the sun shone, but then the heavens opened and torrential rain fell. Polo enthusiasts refused to be deterred and as you can see from Glyn Evans' photos everybody enjoyed a great family day.

PHOTOGRAPHS by GLYN EVANS

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Teacher is suspended

INVESTIGATIONS are under way, following an allegation that a male teacher at St Cyres School in Penarth struck a pupil.

Coun Chris Elmore, Vale cabinet member for children's services, said: "On June 12, the Vale Council was made aware of an incident that had occurred at St Cyres School in Penarth.

"Council officers advised the school of the relevant disciplinary procedures. Following this, a member of the

school's staff was suspended." He emphasised: "This suspension was a neutral act, pending investigation of the incident."

He continued: "On June 13, the council instigated an internal investigation at St Cyres School.

"The council will be working very closely with the headteacher and other staff at the school. Neither the Vale Council nor St Cyres School can comment any further on this issue, until this investigation process has been completed.

"We will ensure that all affected by the incident will be made aware of the outcome of this process, and of what action is to be taken, as soon as is possible.

"South Wales Police, who were informed of the incident on the day that it occurred, are also currently investigating the matter."

A South Wales Police spokeswoman confirmed: "An allegation has been made which we are currently investigating."

Bill's tribute to the heroes who served



ABOVE: Bill with Malaika sporting the coat which pays tribute to soldiers who sacrificed their lives for freedom, the RAF and animals who died in war.

A former member of the Armed Forces has made a coat for his dog that has caused quite a stir in Cadoxton – it pays tribute to those who sacrificed their lives for freedom, the RAF and animals that died in conflict.

Bill Lyddon completed his national service in the RAF from 1960 to 1962.

He said: "I made a Christmas coat for my dog Malaika which had a basic red, a white collar and lights round the edges and people really

liked it.

"Now I've made one showing a red poppy, the symbol of the RAF and a purple poppy for animals who died in the wars."

For Malaika, a six year old miniature schnauzer, the coat is a perfect fit and made from denim with a fleece lining.

Bill said: "The boys walking their dogs up at Victoria Park say they really like it."

Bill's wife Patricia died 14 years ago and Malaika is a great companion to him – hence the desire to pay tribute to animals who died in war with the purple poppy.



Capturing the contestants.

ROTARY CLUB DUCK RACE A SUCCESS!

THE Rotary Club of Barry joined forces with the Inner Wheel Club of Barry recently to hold a successful charity Duck Race in Llancafarn where approximately 400 plastic ducks swam down the stream in two separate heats.

Their times this year were faster than before due to the recent rains – some of them tried to get away but luckily all were captured!

The winners of the heats were Rachel Williams (327) and Jill Osborne (34), each winning a £10 cash prize.

The first five ducks in each heat then swam again in the 'Grand Final' which was convincingly won by duck number 114, owned by Bella McMillan, who received a £50 cash prize.

The event raised just over £300 and all proceeds went to Rotary

and Inner Wheel charities. After the race, members enjoyed an excellent meal in the Fox and Hounds restaurant.

Later in the month the Rotary Club will be supporting Rotary's national 'Kids Out' event by taking pupils from some local schools on a day out by coach to a theme park, providing hats and ice-cream for them all!

The Rotary Club of Barry welcomes new members – men and women – who are interested in meeting socially and to continue with the club's charitable activities by helping others in the local community. Club members meet on Thursday evenings at 6pm for 6.30pm in the Mount Sorrel Hotel.

Anyone who would like further information with a view to joining or offering help should contact the club via Peter Battle on 01446 710204.

ROBIN PITCHER

Lost llamas: PANIC IS OVER

THE 'Lost Llamas of Llanblethian' could have been a good long-running press story – but The GEM can report that they were found after 48 hours!

It all began on Monday afternoon, at Glyndwr Vineyard, near Cowbridge, when two llamas absconded when a gate was left open.

Sue Norris of Glyndwr Vineyard contacted The GEM and we put an item on our Facebook page. In no time, the news was all over social media.

Sue explained: "They are quite timid and would run away if approached, but we were worried that they could end up in a field with no water".

On Wednesday morning, a family search party, with neighbour David Webb, found the lost llamas, in no discomfort, resting under some shady trees.

Sue Norris said: "They were a few miles from home, and we might not have found them if we had not brought our dogs."

"The llamas like the dogs, and they came out to see them!" She added: "I would like to thank David for his help, and also Debbie Leigh for spreading the word."

"The next step would have been to get together a search party, and we had a number of people call us offering to help."

"It's good to have a newspaper like The GEM so that you have somewhere to turn to."

Bridgend invites Urdd National Eisteddfod!

ON Tuesday, June 24, at 7pm in Bridgend Rugby Club, the borough will officially invite the Urdd National Eisteddfod to the area in 2017.

Local councils, public bodies, voluntary organisations, societies and the public are invited to an open meeting to discuss the invitation.

Efa Gruffudd Jones, Urdd chief executive, Aled Sion, director of the Eisteddfod, Dyfrig Davies, chair of the Eisteddfod Board, and a representative from Bridgend County Borough Council will be present at the meeting.

This will be the first meeting between the Urdd Eisteddfod and the people of Bridgend and if everyone agrees to invite the Eisteddfod, the Urdd will then ask for nominees to join the executive committee and work will start on forming syllabus committees for the Eisteddfod.

Efa Gruffudd Jones said, "Local Urdd volunteers and the council have already showed their support and commitment to the Eisteddfod and we look forward to meeting the local people with the hope of bringing our national event to Bridgend county borough in 2017."

Aled Sion added, "The main aim of this meeting is to get the societies, organisations, local councils and residents' seal of approval for the Urdd Eisteddfod to visit the area in 2017. "The Urdd Eisteddfod has not been held in the area since 1979, when it was held in Maesteg, and it would be great to bring our (Youth) National Eisteddfod to this corner of Wales once again."

Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr yn Gwahodd Eisteddfod yr Urdd yn 2017

AM 7pm, nos Fawrth 24 Mehefin yng Nghlwb Rygbi Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr bydd cyfarfod yn cael ei gynnal i drafod y gwahoddiad sydd wedi ei estyn i Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd ymweld â Bwrdeistref Pen-y-Bont ar Ogwr yn 2017.

Bydd Cynghorau Lleol, Cyff Cyhoeddus, Cymdeithasau a Mudiadau Gwirfoddol a'r cyhoedd yn cael eu gwahodd i'r cyfarfod i drafod cynnal yr Eisteddfod yn yr ardal yn 2017.

Yn annerch yn y cyfarfod bydd Efa Gruffudd Jones, Prif Weithredwr yr Urdd, Aled Sion, Cyfarwyddwr yr Eisteddfod, Dyfrig Davies, Cadeirydd Bwrdd yr Eisteddfod a'r Celfyddydau a chynrychiolydd o Gyngor Bwrdeistref Pen-y-Bont ar Ogwr.

Hwn fydd y cyswllt cyntaf rhwng Adran yr Eisteddfod a thrigolion yr ardal ac yn y cyfarfod, os bydd gwahoddiad ffurfiol yn cael ei estyn i'r Eisteddfod, bydd yr Urdd yn chwilio am enwebiadau ar gyfer y Pwyllgor Gwaith a gwybodaeth yn cael ei rannu am ddyddiadau y pwyllgorau testunau.

Yn ôl Efa Gruffudd Jones, Prif Weithredwr yr Urdd, "Mae gwirfoddolwyr yr Urdd a'r Cyngor eisoes wedi datgan eu cefnogaeth a'u hymrwymiad i'r Wyl ac rydym yn edrych ymlaen yn fawr i gyfarfod â thrigolion yr ardal gyda'r gobaith o ddod â'n Prifwyl i'r ardal yn 2017."

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Honouring local care workers

SOCIAL Care Week 2014 is being marked in Bridgend county borough by events and activities aimed at people who provide care for relatives, friends, partners and neighbours.

They include a youth conference for young carers, new e-learning training courses and a

seminar examining the latest legal developments in care which will feature agencies such as BAVO, Advocacy Matters, Age Cymru and the council's own social care workforce development team.

The 2011 census showed that there are approximately 18,000 carers in Bridgend county borough, meaning that over 13 per cent of the local population provide an unpaid caring role for someone who has an illness,

disability, frailty or addiction.

Rosie Roderick is a social worker in the council's disabled children's team. She said: "I help young people and their families to access the services they need that can help promote independence. It means that mums and dads and carers can have a break knowing that their children's needs have been met in a really safe environment."

Real-life crime drama is a drab telling of an incredible story

ONE of the most shocking criminal stories in recent memory has been of the West Memphis Three, three young men convicted of the murders of three young boys in Tennessee in 1993 after they disappeared, despite a lack of evidence to support such a verdict.

The case drew widespread interest, with four documentaries attempting to delve deeper into what appeared on the surface to be such a miscarriage of justice. A version of the story, based on Mara Leveritt's book, now reaches cinemas in *Devil's Knot*.

Colin Firth stars as Ron Lax, a private investigator hired to look into the case; and as his investigation brings to light several inconsistencies, one of the murdered boys' mothers (Reese Witherspoon) finds herself beginning to doubt the guilt of those accused...

The story of the West Memphis Three is a truly remarkable one, one of the grossest miscarriages of justice in recent memory, and one which has received a great deal of coverage, from books to the aforementioned documentaries (one of which was produced by *Lord of the Rings* director Peter Jackson).

That a film has been made isn't surprising

given the high-profile nature of the case, but *Devil's Knot* just doesn't work, the film tackling the story from a new angle but feeling undercooked and lacking in every department. Director Atom Egoyan has his own particularly detached style, viewing life through the eyes of the camera.

It's an approach he doesn't deviate from here, his camera gliding through the woods where the young boys meet their grisly end, leaving the audience to feel like a powerless observer watching the events unfold.

But what the film really needs is less detachment and more emotion and depth – you can't help but feel sadness at both the murders and the aftermath, but it never manages to really hit you and create any impact.

While the events are truly shocking, Egoyan underplays them to the point of ambivalence (aside from a brutal scene of the bodies being discovered).

As the film meanders towards its denouement, it's a shock to discover that the resolution is lazily tacked onto the credits, words this time having far more resonance and impact than the story Egoyan is trying to tell.

His cast are lifeless despite their quality; Colin Firth shows a steely determination in righting the wrongs created by the police and the legal system, but his motivations are limited to an outburst



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on capital punishment and nothing more, and he is miscast in a role that called for a grittier approach than Firth manages.

Reese Witherspoon captures the heartbreaking sadness of losing a child in such horrific circumstances, but that's the only dimension of her character, and the actress struggles to offer anything memorable, while the likes of Alessandro Nivola and Kevin Durand offer a little shade but are relegated to sidelined roles as typical redneck folk, the intriguing elements of their stories left tantalisingly undeveloped.

Even the young actors who play the supposed guilty parties in this sad tale aren't given a lot to work with and their performances feel too forced to convince.

Unfortunately, Egoyan's detachment here seems to apply to his cast as well, failing

to generate anything approaching a decent turn from a cast who are capable of so much more.

The fact of the matter is that the tale of the West Memphis Three has already been so widely told that this film feels like it's just jumping on a gravy train that had already departed the station.

Ultimately, regardless of its approach, it's telling a story that has already been told quite comprehensively already and brings nothing new to the party.

The elements Egoyan is attempting to explore – the attitudes of a legal system where any suggestion of guilt is an admission, where small town sensibilities govern over due process and where the lack of concrete evidence is no barrier to prosecution – are present and correct, but presented so flatly that *Devil's Knot* just doesn't really engage and leaves you wanting more.

Luckily, there is a raft of material on this story elsewhere, as *Devil's Knot* fails to unravel satisfactorily. **VERDICT** – A limp film that offers nothing new to a shocking and saddening miscarriage of justice, *Devil's Knot* is a truly dull piece of work. The direction and performances are lifeless, the stakes heightened but never feeling as they've been raised, and it all manages to make such an incredible story rather pedestrian; when the end credit denouement packs more punch than the film that preceded it you know you're in trouble. Poor. SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Gone, Baby Gone* (2007), *Mystic River* (2003).

Computer club
THE next meeting is on Tuesday, June 24 at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, 7.30pm for 8pm.

Chips and chat and a fun quiz; visitors always welcome. See penarthcomputerclub.co.uk.

Jumble sale
THE 1st Dinas Powys Scout Group jumble sale takes place on Saturday, June 28 at 1.30pm at the Scout Hall, Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys.

Admission is 50p. **AM's surgery** ELUNED PARROTT, AM for South Wales Central, will be holding an advice surgery on Friday, June 20 in Tesco Superstore, Penarth, between 1pm and 2pm.

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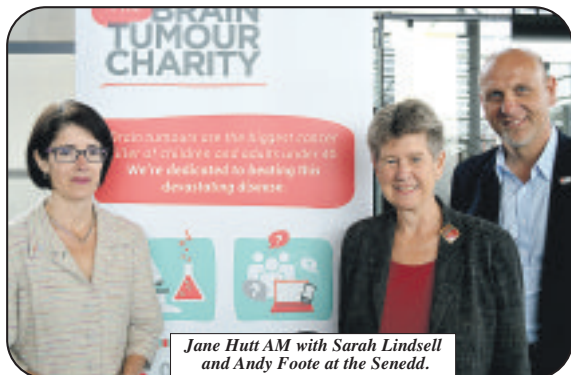
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Local AM welcomes 'brain tumour' support services



Jane Hutt AM with Sarah Lindsell and Andy Foote at the Senedd.

VALE AM Jane Hutt hosted an event in the Senedd to welcome new support services for brain tumour patients and their families in Wales.

The Brain Tumour Charity funds research into the disease as well as working to raise awareness and offering support and information services, which it is now providing throughout Wales.

The AM said: "I was delighted to be

able to show my support for the charity's work and to meet some of those whose lives have been touched by brain tumours."

Michelle Herbert, operations manager for The Brain Tumour Charity in Wales, said: "The key thing for patients and families affected by a brain tumour is that we are here for them, wherever they are in Wales and whatever the support they need. We are providing services throughout Wales, from a base in Wales."

'Beyond the Border' festival comes of age!

FROM Friday, July 4 to Sunday, July 6, the 21st birthday of Beyond the Border, one of the world's leading storytelling festivals takes place at St Donat's Castle, near Llantwit Major.

The festival returns with a magnificent feast of music, stories, theatre, poetry, circus, puppetry and festival entertainment from Wales and around the world, over nine different stages.

The artistic director, David Ambrose said: "Beyond The Border began 21 years ago. We celebrate our coming of age with a wonderful international programme that not only brings the world to Wales but is also very much about showcasing Welsh performers, artists, stories, music and language to the rest of the world."

This year's festival delves into the mythic realms of Scandinavia with a host of songs, stories, dance and music from Sweden, Finland and Norway.

Performances include tales and songs inspired by Finland's epic, *The Kalevala*; myths of the Norse Gods told by Norwegian tellers Abbi Patrix and Heidi Dahlsveen; and top Swedish teller Mats Rehman performing with England's Methera String Quartet.

British storytellers Hugh Lupton, Nick Hennessey and friends will help audiences journey back in time to World War One, in *Barbed wire for Kisses*, an exploration of the oral legacy of a war that began a century ago.

Simon Heywood will add his voice, exploring the forgotten stories of the 16,000 conscientious objectors in a new work commissioned by Beyond the Border 'Out of the Silence.'

Beyond the Border embraces and celebrates

the native myths of Wales – in another specially commissioned piece, presented in three languages, Wales' Michael Harvey collaborates with France's Marien Tillet and leading jazz saxophonist Alexandra Grimal to transport us back to the dark age twilight of *Peredur*.

Daniel Morden and musicians Oliver Wilson-Dixon and Dylan Fowle will immerse audiences in the ancient tales of the *Mabinogi* with their acclaimed show *Tree of Leaf and Flame*.

Stories will be told in the Welsh language in Dau Dafod sessions in *Blue Garden*, with Dafydd Davies Hughes, Jez Danks and Guto Dafis, and in informal sessions in the Milgi Lounge throughout the festival.

It's not all about stories of the past. The festival will help celebrate Dylan Thomas's centenary with performances by Peter Stevenson and



ABOVE: St Donat's Castle is the wonderful venue for the 'Beyond the Border' festival.

Robin Williamson, and a conversation between author Erica Wagner and critic John Goodby, a leader authority on Dylan Thomas.

Small, intimate and suitable for all ages, Beyond the Border is a great introduction to festival-going.

The storytelling and

music-making goes on from dawn until dusk, with plenty of family-friendly performances in the day, and more grown-up stories told in the evenings.

Parking is free at the festival.

Beyond the Border 2014 is bigger and better than ever, with the return of the renowned CAMRA real ale bar, world food, a craft market, workshops, a dedicated family area, street theatre, lantern processions and more.

And it's not only the invited artists who get to perform at the festival. For audience members, there are plenty of opportunities to perform and participate in the delightfully cosy Milgi Lounge, and in Storyrounds run by Cardiff Storytelling Circle; and in the many impromptu music and story sessions that are all part of a festival dedicated to the vitality of oral traditions.

Day/evening tickets start from £25 for an adult, and there are certain discounts for tickets bought in advance online and a 10 per cent discount for anyone living in the CF61 postcode area.

If you want to experience the festival atmosphere, you can buy an 'Eavesdropper' ticket at the box office for £5, which gains you

admittance to the bar, food and craft markets, workshops and open air venues.

For a taste of the festival without the commitment of a full ticket, there are a limited number of £5 seats available for the unmissable opening performance of *The Fisherman and His Wife* (suitable for anyone aged 7 plus) at 7.30pm on Friday, July 4.

For more information please visit,

NEW PIECE AT FESTIVAL

A NEW project by Beyond the Border, Wales' International Storytelling Festival will combine story, music, theatre and improvisation to create a ground-breaking new piece of trilingual performance storytelling based on the romance of Arthur's knight, Perceval.

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A guest arrives at the B and B.



A dramatic moment in Betrayal.



Plaudits for the cast at the end of the evening.

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THE Peterston Entertainment Committee presented a drama and supper evening recently, and it was enjoyed by a packed hall.

Two plays were performed, both written by playwright Bob Tucker. The first was entitled Betrayal, and the second was the premier of a new play – B and B – quite a coup for the village! The evening raised £800 for church hall funds.



SO WHO'S THE REAL MARCO AT VELINDRE FUNDRAISER?

RIGHT: People responded to The GEM's front page story last week, which explained that acting legend Steffan Rhodri, famous as 'Dave Coaches' in Gavin & Stacey, was selling special limited edition t-shirts on Sunday to raise funds for Velindre Cancer Centre. There was a great turnout from the Vale public. Pictured with Steffan (centre) is, to the right, entertainer Johnny Tudor who played cafe owner Marco in Gavin & Stacey and, to the left, Marco Zeraschi, the owner of Marco's Cafe – and the genuine article!



Colonel's Review inspires local 372 (Barry) Squadron



372 (Barry) Squadron at Horse Guards Parade.

RECENTLY air cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron travelled to London to watch the Trooping the Colour full dress rehearsal for the Queen's birthday parade, otherwise known as the Colonel's Review.

The three-hour trip to London was worth the wait when cadets arrived at Whitehall, to watch the Colour of Nijmegen Company Grenadier Guards being trooped.

The parade was an inspiration to watch, carried out by fully trained and operational troops from the Household Division (Foot Guards and Household Cavalry) and the incredible massed bands.

The Trooping the Colour ceremony dates back to the early eighteenth century when the colours (flags) of the battalion were carried (or 'trooped') down the ranks so that they could be seen and recognised by the soldiers.

Several of the cadets are also members of the squadron's own marching band and found the massed band section to be full of amazing music, and inspired ideas to improve their own routines.

Cadet Rhys Lewis said that it was: "Inspiring to watch the best bands, so that our own band can improve, this has been an amazing day out".

After the parade, the cadets followed the Royal Air Force heritage trail through London, visiting the RAF Church of St Clement Danes, the Royal Air Force and Bomber Command memorials and Battle of Britain monument on the Victoria Embankment.

The cadets who travelled to London were: Sean Hodges, Rhys Horton, Pippa Cowles, Alex Spragg, Rhys Lewis, Steph Jones, Ellie Poulakis and Jake Paterson.

The cadets are now looking forward to an action-packed programme of flying, gliding, shooting, sports, training camps, visits and expeditions.

If you have a spirit for adventure, 372 (Barry) Squadron have vacancies for boys and girls between 13 - 18 years old. The squadron parade on Mondays and Wednesdays 7pm - 9.30pm behind Adams Funeral Parlour (by the Memorial Hall) or you can phone the Squadron on 01446 747734, email oc.372@aircadets.org or visit www.372squadron.org.

Jason Horton



ABOVE: 0How many air cadets can you get in a telephone box?



A celebration of volunteering in King's Square

THE Vale Volunteer Bureau hosted its Appreci8 event on Saturday, June 7 to celebrate the fantastic work volunteers do across the Vale.

The event was held in King Square and was supported by Barry Communities First who launched 'Doorstep Street Games' which is an initiative aimed at increasing access to sport for young people, and which offers a range of volunteering opportunities.

Mark Ellis, who organised the StreetGames activities for the day, said: "The weather looked like ruining the event but the clouds parted and young people got involved in the tennis, futsal and street dance."

"Over 10 volunteers were recruited on the day and Communities First will be looking to start activity sessions soon at

locations in Castleland and Gibbonsdown".

Motion Control Dance groups 'All Mix', 'Animosity', 'Limitless' and their crews who are going to Glasgow to compete at the UDO World Street Dance Championships all gave fantastic performances.

The initial show was stolen by the Motion Control under-5 class 'Little Persuasions' who had their debut performance at the event! A performance from Superstars in the Making provided an extract from their latest show 'Hairspray'.

Jessica Rose Thomas who will be playing Ariel in *The Little Mermaid Jr* also sang. The crowds grew for solo artist Jodi Bird from *Britain's Got Talent* as she sang her semi-final song 'Let it Go' from *Frozen*.

Opened by the Tenovus Choir, the event gave people the opportunity to find out more about the work that voluntary organisations

do ranging from family support to search and rescue. Ivor Davies of CAVRA organisation said: "This was a well-run event, which, despite the early bad weather was well attended, and shows the importance that volunteering has in the Vale."

Alison Steere, the director of the Vale Volunteer Bureau said: "It is important for us to recognise the work that is carried out by volunteers in the Vale."

For further information on volunteering, contact: Vale Volunteer Bureau, 34 Holton Road, Barry. Opening hours are Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm. Tel: 01446 421782, email: info@vvb.org.uk Website: www.vvb.org.uk

PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS NEWS

Remembering the old Barry Island

UNTIL the late 1880s Barry Island was indeed an island, cut off from the mainland by the tides and only accessible by boat or by scrambling across the mud, sand and rocks.

The opening of the docks at Barry in 1889 changed everything. The town of Barry grew in size and Barry Island became part of the mainland. After the railway line was extended to Barry Island in 1896, hordes of visitors began to arrive and by 1904 the paddling/bathing pool which was filled by the incoming tide was opened at the western end of Whitmore Bay below Friar's Point.

The first thing people saw when arriving by train was the Figure of Eight, which was later replaced with the famous Scenic Railway in 1939.

Looking at the old pictures, day trippers who appeared rather overdressed for a day at the seaside by today's standards, crowded onto the beach where all the entertainment took place.

Once the promenade and sea wall were built,

and later when the fairground was established in the late 1920s, visitors could enjoy the booths and stalls, rides on the carousel, chair-o-planes, helter skelter, a variety of roundabouts, and the dodgems, while enjoying candy floss, ice creams and the inevitable Barry Island rock!

This was the historic backdrop when 15 Penarth and District Ramblers with leader Val Williams, in glorious summer evening sunshine at Cold Knap, went for a four mile walk that would saw them circumnavigating Barry Island, which nowadays doesn't appear to be as much fun as the old days!

From the lake they tramped along the promenade enjoying glorious views before descending via the slipway and crossing the Old Harbour to Friar's Point. The tide was coming in at Whitmore Bay and, making their way towards Nell's Point, now a residential area but once the site of a golf course, then a Butlins Holiday camp, they continued along the Clement Colley footpath to Jackson's Bay.

Climbing uphill to

Redbrink Crescent, with its fine views across Barry Harbour, they continued along Dyfrig Street and Clive Road, with panoramic views of the Barry Waterfront and town before dropping downhill and returning to Cold Knap via the causeway and the Parade Gardens.

On June 21, meet at 8.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 11.5-mile hard walk from Llangynidr, taking in the Chartist's Cave and Tor y Foel; contact Barrie on 029 2053 0753.

On June 24, meet 8am at Cogan to take part in some midsummer madness by walking the 20-mile hard Three Castles Walk; contact William on 01446 747239.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Joy Strangward

Bryn Hafren has 'Annie' in their sights!



LEFT: The school's junior reporters, Ellie Howe and Camille Danielson.

ON July 8-9 at the Memorial Hall, Barry, Bryn Hafren school will stage Annie and the school's junior reporters, Camille Danielson and Ellie Howe, both in year-9, have been tracking down some of the busy people involved. Here is their report:

The rehearsals are in full swing whenever there is time to practise, from lunchtimes to after school sessions; dedication and cooperation is needed from everyone taking part. However, some of the rehearsals are proving difficult due to lack of attendance from some cast members.

Mr Morris, who is musical director, told us: "I find it really hard

when cast do not turn up to rehearsals, I have to teach the harmonies for the music in *Annie*, and if people are absent it is extremely hard to fill in gaps and teach the same thing twice."

Miss Williams, who is the main director of *Annie*, also told us: "It's so frustrating when people do not turn up to rehearsals, I have to repeat myself and we do not have time to do that now."

Rhys Dean, who is playing Daddy Warbucks said: "I am thoroughly enjoying the rehearsals, we have been rehearsing for a couple of months now and it's a new experience every session. I am enjoying working with everyone; it's great to work with new people as well as people I met in the last production."

Tickets can be purchased directly from Bryn Hafren.

Police appeal after Barry incident

POLICE have released an effit image of a man they want to trace following an incident in The Blind Park, opposite the Memorial Hall on Gladstone Road in Barry, around 7.30pm on Wednesday, June 11.

He is described as being around 5ft 11ins tall, of medium build with a bald head. He was wearing stonewashed jeans and a white t-shirt.

If you have information contact South Wales Police on 101, quoting reference number 1400204849 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800



555 111 or via their website www.crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information.

The 3G pitch plan for Jenner Park ground

A FEASIBILITY study is to be undertaken into the possible installation of a 3G sports pitch at Jenner Park Stadium, Barry.

A Vale Council spokesman commented this week: "Officers have been looking at this option since the beginning of the year, and if this type of playing surface is found to be both cost effective and appropriate for Jenner Park, the aim will be to replace the existing grass pitch."

Although the current pitch has a drainage system in place, it is prone to waterlogging in prolonged wet

weather.

The new 3G pitch would allow for many more hours of sport to be played at Jenner Park, which the council is hoping will lead to an increase in numbers using the facilities.

The study will look into installation and maintenance costs, as well as the projected income that could be generated by the new pitch. It will also consult with both current and potential users of the stadium to assess demand.

BARRY'S FESTIVAL OF TRANSPORT BREAKS EVEN MORE RECORDS!



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THE Cardiff Transport Preservation Group that restores old buses in Barry achieved another record-breaking annual Festival of Transport event last Sunday, June 8; now recognised as one of the biggest events of its kind in south Wales, with more visitors flocking to Barry each year.

Mike Taylor, the organising group's chairman, said: "The Festival of Transport attracted our highest number of entrants three weeks beforehand, as we closed to print the show guide, but every day more people wanted to come with their vehicles right up to the event. The numbers of classic cars were too many to count – around 250 or more were spread out along Barry Island seafront while around 60 more vehicles were up in the main parking area, with more cars, heritage buses and examples of modern buses and coaches. The event did bring a lot of people to Barry, some from as far as Portsmouth, Bristol, and Swindon. We also had an open day at the Bus Depot, our heritage bus restoration centre, and ran free heritage buses for visitors, which were very busy".

The day also saw the first day back into public service a 32-year-old former National Welsh bus, examples of which used to run from the Rhondda via Pontypridd to Cardiff and Barry to Cardiff. It ran from new in 1982 to 1992 when they were sold off to other operators. Our bus ran in London in the 1990s before operating as a school bus in Derbyshire. It came back to Wales in 2011 and has taken three years for the Cardiff Transport Preservation Group to

put it back on the road. The red Leyland Olympian 77-seat double deck bus got its MOT on Friday, June 6; on Saturday it was taken on a test run around some of the hillier parts of Barry, but its 32-year-old automatic gearbox technology is a little different to today's modern buses, which was highlighted on its very first fully loaded run on Sunday for visitors to the festival.

Jane Hutt AM, Minister for Finance for the Welsh Government, who also represents the Vale of Glamorgan, visited the festival and rode on the inaugural run saying: "It was great to join the annual Barry Festival of Transport once again to view all the buses and to join the Mayor and Mayoress, Coun Howard Hamilton and Mrs Carol Hamilton to see the refurbished 1980s National Welsh Bus. The crowds were gathering and we had a full bus to the Broad Street depot – so full the bus had difficulty getting up the hill but we made it! This was the maiden journey of the bus which has been restored so beautifully by the volunteers at the old Western Welsh depot".

She then went on to give: "Congratulations to all who took part in this great festival," after a visit to see volunteers inside the bus depot.

Mike Taylor continued: "At our event this year we had some surprise entrants both car and bus, some I had not seen before, for example we got a lot more really big American cars – seemed like a dozen of them, mostly from the 1960s. People say they have friends who have booked and they want to come too. On the bus front we had a former Bristol Tramways 1950 Bristol L touring coach and three examples of former London buses – a Regent Type RT also new in 1950 and two later 1960s AEC

Routemasters. Our friends over in Swansea brought along some of their collection and their 1970s Bristol VR open top bus was popular giving free rides on the day; despite gathering afternoon dark clouds which included thunder, lightning and a short heavy downpour!"

Talking about buses kept at Barry he said: "From our collection the blue and cream half-cab double deckers, the 1968 Bewas & Machen Leyland and 1969 Pontypridd AEC buses proved popular as did our 50-year-old orange and white open top Cardiff Guy Arab bus. On the single decker side former Islwyn, Rhymney Valley and Western Welsh buses took turns and new this year, on the road again was a 1968 AEC Reliance formerly owned by Neath & Cardiff Luxury Coaches and a one time resident of Barry depot from 1970, during the last days of Western Welsh. The owners of this coach have just decided to relocate their vehicle to Barry, so we hope it can be used again on other occasions".

Summing up the day, Mike said: "We hope the traders on the island appreciated the additional business. The good news for us was that we had a good day and all the donations that were given will go towards restoring our heritage buses representing the towns and cities of south Wales. Special thanks go to the Vale of Glamorgan Council for helping us organise the event and making it something many people now feel is a major attraction in the classic car and heritage bus calendar. We'd also like to thank many local companies for bringing vehicles along including Stagecoach, Cardiff Bus, Edwards Coaches and New Adventure Travel, adding to the variety for people to look at on the day".



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A name from the past at Barry again – National Welsh sits proudly on the newly repainted red 1982 Leyland Olympian bus at Barry Island with left to right: Vale Mayor and Mayoress, Coun Howard Hamilton and Mrs Carol Hamilton; Jane Hutt AM beside Mike Taylor, chairman of the Cardiff Transport Preservation Group.



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Hundreds of classic cars gathered on Barry Island seafront – seen here with some interest from the younger generation is a 77-year-old 1937 Morris 8 Saloon driven all the way from Glynneth by owner Brian Elliot.

Barry woman shares her diabetes story

VALE AM Jane Hutt joined Assembly Members from across Wales to mark Diabetes Week by meeting people living with diabetes at the Senedd on Wednesday June 11.

People who are affected by diabetes voiced their concerns about care in their area on a map of Wales, which was displayed at the event.

Elaine Adams from Barry, said: "I am really pleased to have the opportunity to discuss my concerns about the local services available to people living with

diabetes in my area. It is vitally important that people who have been affected by the condition share their diabetes stories so that they can help to improve the health care that they, and others, receive."

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St Lythans Road, Barry - £189,950

Extended, two bedroom semi detached bungalow. Accommodation comprising: Hallway. Lounge. Dining room. Kitchen. Bathroom. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Generous enclosed south facing rear garden. Driveway providing off road parking for up to four vehicles. Detached garage. Close by to all local amenities and Porthkerry Country Park.



Sycamore Crescent, Barry - £155,000

Three bedroom semi detached property. Porch. Hallway. Lounge. Dining room. Conservatory. Kitchen. Rear porch/utility area. Bathroom. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Enclosed front and rear gardens. Driveway providing off road parking for two vehicles. Garage. Close by to local amenities including schools and bus routes. EPC rating: E



Lee Road, Barry - £99,950

Three bedroom mid terrace property. Accommodation comprising: Hallway. Lounge. Dining room. Kitchen. Bathroom to first floor. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Enclosed rear garden. In walking distance of Barry Road and Holton Road shops. Easy access to Sully, Dinas Powys and Cardiff. EPC rating: D.



Whitmore Park Drive, Barry - £164,950

Three-four bedroom semi detached property. Accommodation comprising: Hallway. Lounge. Kitchen/dining room. Study. Cloakroom. Bedroom four to ground floor. Bathroom. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. In walking distance of doctors' surgery, supermarket, post office.



Trem Powys, Barry - £139,950

Well presented, modern two bedroom mid link property set in a cul de sac location. Accommodation comprising: Entrance hall. Lounge. Kitchen/dining room. UPVC double glazed conservatory. Bathroom. Gas central heating. UPVC double glazing. Enclosed, low maintenance rear garden.



Maes Y Cwm, Barry - £144,950

Three bedroom, bay fronted mid terrace property situated in the heart of Barry, close to all local amenities. Accommodation comprising: Hallway. Lounge. Sitting room. Dining room. Kitchen. Modern white bathroom suite. Majority UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating.



Kingsland Crescent, Barry - £67,500

Well presented, one bedroom, first floor apartment situated in the heart of Barry. Accommodation comprising: Communal hallway. Entrance hallway. Lounge/dining room. Open plan modern, fitted kitchen. White bathroom suite. Electric heating. UPVC double glazing. Close by to all local amenities.



Kendrick Road, Barry - £109,950

Three bedroom property situated in the heart of Barry close to all local amenities. Accommodation comprising: Hallway. Lounge/dining room. Sitting room. Fitted kitchen. First floor bathroom. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Enclosed rear garden. EPC rating: D. Offered for sale with no chain



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Stradling Close, Barry - £275,000

Four bedroom detached bungalow offering versatile living situated in a cul de sac location. Entrance hallway. Lounge/dining room. Kitchen. Bathroom. and en suite shower room to master bedroom. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Enclosed, private gardens to side and rear of property. Carport. Garage.



Brook Street, Barry - £99,950

Two bedroom mid terrace. Entrance porch. Lounge through dining room. Kitchen. Bathroom to first floor. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Enclosed rear garden. Close proximity to Holton Road shopping centre, primary schools and Barry Dock train station providing links to Bridgend, Penarth and Cardiff.



Blackberry Drive, Barry - £205,000

Four bedroom detached property situated within a cul-de-sac. Hallway, downstairs w/c. Two reception rooms. Kitchen/breakfast room. Conservatory. Family bathroom and en suite shower room to master bedroom. UPVC double glazing. Gas central heating. Enclosed rear garden. Off road parking for two vehicles. EPC rating: D.



St Lythans, Barry - £189,950

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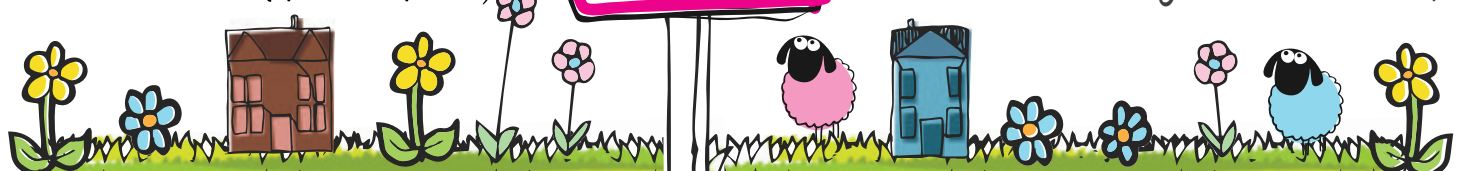
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Pencoed Phoenix celebrate the end of their season



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PENCOED PHOENIX recently held their end of season presentation.

The awards were as follows: most improved player - Lisa Hughes; most promising player - Mel Clay; top try

scorer - Leanne Burnell; club person of the year - Gwyn Morgan; supporters' players of the year - Hannah Brunskill, Lowri Reeves (c), Kathryn Stonehouse; players' player - Mel Clay; player of the year - Lowri Reeves.

Fundraising drive for Glaze Cymru

ON June 28, members of Kenfig Hill RFC are doing a charity walk in partnership with Glaze Prostate Cymru charity.

There are 60 people taking part in the walk which starts at the Millennium Stadium (Gate 3) at 8.30am and finishes at Kenfig Hill Rugby Club, at approximately 7pm, where they will be greeted by family and supporters.

The walk will start with Andy Thomas, head surgeon of the Princess

of Wales Hospital, Raymond Giles, former Aberavon, Cardiff and Wales scrum half and a few special guests.

The 'Mules' Kilimanjaro participants have already raised around £12,000 and are hoping to raise £5,000 plus with this walk.

The support of the rugby club and the community has been massive and our aim is to hit £20,000 for the charity before October.

The team taking on Kilimanjaro in October are Chris Leyshon, Ben Jones, Jamie Uren, Michael Guy and Stephen Smith (all

players at Kenfig Hill RFC).

A number of other events are being held before the boys leave for the climb. We would be grateful for any donations to this worthy cause, and all money raised for Glaze Cymru stays in Wales. For any interest in sponsorship or raffle prizes or information, contact e m a i l : cleyshon1992@hotmail.co.uk; telephone 07821157766; or J u s t g i v i n g : http://www.justgiving.com/prostatecymruglazekil2014.

GOS

Bridgend Bridge Club

THE results for Bridgend Bridge Club for recent events are:

Wednesday, June 11 - First Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; second, John Henson and Geoff Tinkler; third, Graham Jones and Irene Thomas.

Friday, June 13 - First, John Henson and Terry Dolan; second, Dave Reed and Jim Hume; third, Bill Turner and Steve Burgoyne.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesdays and Fridays at Noltan Church Hall at 7pm. We try to start at 7pm so it helps if people

arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursdays from 2pm to 5pm, also at Noltan Church Hall, there are gentle bridge sessions for the less experienced where assistance is readily available.

The best placed improvers for June 12 were Susan Hunt, Arthur Harvey and Dilys Bowser.

A new series of lessons is planned for the autumn and those interested should contact John Evans on 01656 880372 in order to register their interest.

DN

Scorpions hit by injuries as they slip to defeat

ON a bad day all round for South Wales Scorpions, prop Scott Giles suffered a serious head injury in the first few minutes of the game at Oldham.

Play was held up for nearly ten minutes while medics took every precaution on the pitch before Giles was taken by ambulance to a neurological unit at Hope Hospital, Manchester.

Serious thought was given to calling for an air ambulance but in the end that was not considered necessary.

The game was only seven minutes old and Oldham were attacking just inside the Scorpions half when Giles went in to make a tackle and was knocked out. "There was nothing malicious in the tackle. It was an accident," said Scorpions coach Mike Grady, who only minutes later lost the services of full-back Jordan Sheridan with a thigh muscle injury.

Winger Chris Leyshon went to full-back, centre Matthew Wilcox moved to left-wing and Ashley Bateman came off the bench to fill in at left-centre.

Osiann Phillips was already on as Giles' replacement - and the game was still only 10 minutes old! That left Richard East and Dafydd Hellard as the only spare men, one returning after injury and the other having only just recovered from tonsillitis.

Added Grady: "We were down to the bare bones before the game started and then we suffered the loss of two key players in the first few minutes. We didn't play smart rugby, but I can't fault the determination and desire of the boys who put up their hand to have a go.

"To make matters worse it looks like Chris Leyshon has suffered broken ribs and Harrison Elliott took a nasty blow to the face. It was a tough day at the office for us. It's tough to take, especially after our win at London Skolars, but if you don't 'turn up' to play a team like Oldham they will make you pay."

Scorpions had first use of the Whitebank slope and they made Oldham work hard in the first half without ever being in a position to apply serious and sustained pressure.

There were some nice touches by Connor Farrer and Paul Emanuelli, whose boot often kept Roughyeds pinned back, but in the main the visitors suffered the backlash of

Oldham's disappointing defeat at Hemel seven days earlier.

Coach Scott Naylor demanded a vastly improved defensive show and that's what he got as Scorpions were restricted to a penalty goal from halfway on the stroke of halftime by the sure-footed Emanuelli.

Oldham led 18-2 at half-time and in the second half, going down the hill, they totally dominated to finish with ten tries in total - seven of them in the second half.

Watched by Rugby League Wales president Mike Nicholas, injury-hit Scorpions never let their heads drop, but they needed everything to go right against a powerful Oldham side in their own backyard - and everything went wrong from the moment Scott Giles was injured in the opening minutes.

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WIDNES VIKINGS 42 Widnes took the lead in their first set of the game with a well-worked try, breaking down the right then changed the play over to their left and Ross Webster scored in the corner; the conversion was missed by Jack Reynolds.

The early tries followed fairly quickly for the Super League side. In the fifth minute Widnes broke down the left and Adam Heyes scored a try that was converted by Reynolds.

Three minutes later, after incomplete sets on both sides, Heyes scored again in the left corner but this time the conversion was missed.

Then on 11 minutes Brand scored down the right side with the conversion again missed, making the score 18-0 to Widnes. In the 15th minute Scorpions finally got on the scoreboard after a fine break down the middle by Connor Parker, brushing aside a couple of would-be

tacklers before being brought down. At the next play the ball Jordan Gilbert scooted under the posts and Shane Edwards converted.

A few minutes later, Rhys Davies was taken out by a high tackle and had to be replaced by George Mbofana. The resulting penalty was wasted as it didn't find touch which allowed Widnes to return the ball and a fine attack by Louis Glover gave him a score under the posts which was converted by Reynolds to give them a 24-6 halftime lead.

The second half started and the Welsh appeared to have got their act together. After a number of good plays, Connor Kawulok charged over just the left of the posts in the 43rd minute, a try which was easily converted by Edwards.

Three minutes later, almost from the kick off, debutant Alad Cockwell weaved through a number of Widnes players to score directly under the posts which Edwards again converted.

Next Widnes were on the attack first down the centre, then over to their left, but unfortunately for them Webster dropped the ball as he was about to score.

Scorpions playing with a bit more confidence broke down their left and on the hour Dylan Reed scored in the corner, Edwards missing the conversion for the first time.

This spurred Widnes back into action scoring three more tries, the first by Jake Alder, then Ben Williams and finally in the last minute Jack Armstrong scored. All three were converted by McGoldrick.

GL

Lions roar in to Porthcawl RFC

PORTHCAWL RFC will host former British and Irish Lions as they roar into Porthcawl for lunch with local school kids.

Day three of their sponsored cycle ride 'The Triple Crown 2014' from Twickenham to Murraysfield via Millennium Stadium, sees them start from Cardiff and head to Stradey Park, Llanelli.

Forty riders, including 10 Lions, will pause for a couple of hours to meet and eat with local kids over a high carb refreshment stop. They will be at Porthcawl RFC from 12pm to 2pm on Monday, June 23.

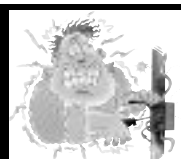
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RHYBUDD O WNEUD GORCHYMYN
DEDDF PRIFYRDD 1980
CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
(LLWYBR TROED CYHOEDDUS 5 PENLLYN)
GORCHYMYN AILGYFEIRIO LLWYBR
CYHOEDDUS 2014

NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH
NO 5 PENLLYN)
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION
ORDER 2014

Bydd y gorchymyn uchod, a wnaethpwyd ar 2 Mehefin 2014, o dan Adran 119 Deddf Prifffyrdd 1980, yn ailgyfeirio Llwybr Troed Cyhoeddus 5 Penlllyn, sy'n rhedeg o GGC 298839 175015 hyd at GGC 298669 175449, a hyd at linell sy'n rhedeg o GGC 298839 175015 hyd at GGC 298664 175435, fel y'i dangosir ar fap y gorchymyn.

Mae copïau o'r gorchymyn a'r map wedi'u gosod, a chewch eu gweld yn rhad ac am ddim yn Swyddfa'r Doc, Dociau'r Barri, Y Barri, CF63 4RT yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Cewch brynu copïau o'r map a'r gorchymyn yn y fan honno am £4.50 yr un.

Cewch wneud sylwadau ar y Gorchymyn neu'i wrthwynebu drwy anfon llythyr at Gyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Datblygu Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Swyddfa'r Doc, Dociau'r Barri, Y Barri, CF63 4RT erbyn 17 Gorffennaf 2014, a dylech nodi eich rhesymau dros ymateb.

Os na ddaw sylwadau neu wrthwynebiadau i law, neu os caiff y rhai a dderbyniwyd eu tynnu'n ôl, bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg yn rhydd i gadarnhau bod y Gorchymyn yn ddilwrthwynebiad. Os caiff y Gorchymyn ei anfon at Weinidogion Cymru ar gyfer ei gadarnhau, bydd y sylwadau a'r gwrthwynebiadau nas tynnwyd yn ôl, yn cael eu hanfon ar yr un pryd.

Dyddiedig 19 Mehefin 2014

The above order, made on the 2nd day of June 2014, under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980, will divert the Public Footpath No 5 Penlllyn running from NGR 298839 175015 to NGR 298669 175449 to a line running from NGR 298839 175015 to NGR 298664 175435 as shown on the order map.

A copy of the order and the order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at The Docks Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the order and map may be bought there at the price of £4.50.

Any representations about or objections to the order may be sent in writing to the Director of Development Services, Docks Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT not later than the 17th day of July 2014. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Vale of Glamorgan Council may confirm the order as an unopposed order. If the order is sent to the Welsh Ministers for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the order.

Dated this 19th day of June 2014

RHYBUDD O WNEUD GORCHYMYN
DEDDF PRIFYRDD 1980
CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG
(LLWYBRAU TROED CYHOEDDUS 40, 41 & 42 PENLLYN)
GORCHYMYN CREU LLWYBR
CYHOEDDUS 2014

NOTICE OF MAKING
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATHS NOS 40, 41 & 42
PENLLYN)
PUBLIC PATH CREATION
ORDER 2014

Bydd y gorchymyn uchod, a wnaethpwyd ar 2 Mehefin 2014 o dan Adran 26 Deddf Prifffyrdd 1980, yn creu llwybrau troed cyhoeddus sy'n rhedeg o GGC 299314 175157 hyd at GGC 299336 175253, o GGC 299321 175498 hyd at GGC 298751 175973 ac o GGC 298807 175069 hyd at GGC 298919 175070, fel y'i dangosir ar fap y gorchymyn.

Mae copïau o'r gorchymyn a'r map wedi'u gosod a chewch eu gweld yn rhad ac am ddim yn ystod yr wythnos yn Swyddfa'r Doc, Dociau'r Barri, Y Barri, CF63 4RT rhwng 9:00am a 4:00pm o 19 Mehefin 2014 hyd 17 Gorffennaf 2014. Cewch brynu copïau o'r map a'r gorchymyn yn y fan honno am £4.50 yr un.

Cewch wneud sylwadau ar y Gorchymyn neu'i wrthwynebu drwy anfon llythyr at Gyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Datblygu Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Swyddfa'r Doc, Dociau'r Barri, Y Barri, CF63 4RT erbyn 17 Gorffennaf 2014, a dylech nodi eich rhesymau dros ymateb.

Os na ddaw sylwadau neu wrthwynebiadau i law, neu os caiff y rhai a dderbyniwyd eu tynnu'n ôl, bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg yn rhydd i gadarnhau bod y Gorchymyn yn ddilwrthwynebiad. Os caiff y Gorchymyn ei anfon at Weinidogion Cymru ar gyfer ei gadarnhau, bydd y sylwadau a'r gwrthwynebiadau nas tynnwyd yn ôl, yn cael eu hanfon ar yr un pryd.

Dyddiedig 19 Mehefin 2014

The above named Order, made on 2nd day of June 2014 under Section 26 of the Highways Act 1980 will create public footpaths running from NGR 299314 175157 to NGR 299336 175253; NGR 299321 175498 to NGR 298751 175973 and NGR 298807 175069 to NGR 298919 175070 as shown on the Order map.

A copy of the Order and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Dock Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT between 9:00am and 4:00pm on weekdays from 19th June 2014 until 17th July 2014. Copies of the order and map may be bought there at a price of £4.50.

Any representations about or objections to the Order may be sent in writing to the Director of Development Services, The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT not later than 17th July 2014. Please state the ground on which they are made.

If no such representation or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Vale of Glamorgan Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Welsh Ministers for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

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Family Notices

WATSON Brian Lloyd

Chris, Gary, Mark and families would like to thank family and friends for their kindness and support received during this sad time. Also for the flowers and messages of sympathy.

Special thanks to all who attended Bri's funeral service, and for the generous donations to Parkinson's UK, not forgetting all who cared for Brian over the years. Bless you all.

LEATHAM Graham

Peacefully on June 15 at Holme Tower Marie Curie Centre Penarth, Graham, Sqd. Ldr. Ret. of Llantwit Major, beloved husband of Jean, dearly loved father of Ian, Clive and David, a much loved father-in-law, grandfather and great grandfather.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Thursday June 26, service and cremation 2.15pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Holme Tower Marie Curie Centre, c/o Mrs C James, 11 Fommon Road, Rhosce, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

LEWIS Paolo Mario (Paul)

It is with great sadness that the family announce the death, at home on June 8, of Paul, aged 70, after a long and courageous fight. Beloved and devoted husband to Jill, a proud and much loved father to Jane and Julia, an adored and precious nonno to Chiara, Luca and Morgan, a respected father-in-law and dear friend to Steve and Spencer, a loved brother-in-law and uncle.

He will be greatly missed by all who loved and knew him. A generous, warm and kind man, who tried so hard to stay with us.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fommon. Funeral Friday June 20, service 1.30pm at St Athan Church followed by interment in St Athan Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Home or donations in lieu, if desired, to Mesothelioma UK Charitable Trust c/o J James, 11 Fommon Road, Rhosce, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

GREENFIELD Belinda Jayne

Peacefully on June 15th, Belinda, loving wife of Simon, will be greatly missed by all family and friends.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, June 26th at 11am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu of flowers to Velindre Fundraising, Velindre Hospital, Velindre Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 2TL.

JOHNS Betty

Peacefully on Thursday 29th May, at Harefield Nursing Centre, Middlesex. Betty, (formerly of New Road, Porthcawl). Beloved wife of the late Ray, devoted mother of Richard & Julie. Cherished grandmother of Barbara, Susan and Andrew.

Resting at Southlands Funeral Home until the service at St John the Baptist Church, Newton, Porthcawl on Monday, 23rd June at 1pm, followed by cremation at Margam Crematorium at 2pm.

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RODERICK David John Ieuan (Ieuan)

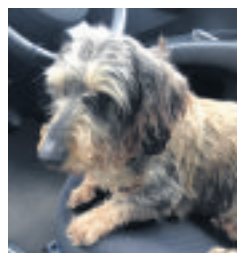
Peacefully and unexpectedly on June 11th, aged 91, dearly loved husband of Mair, much loved father of Ceri, Eleri and Aled, much loved dad of Nia, Michelle, Megan and Tim. He will be sadly missed by all that knew him.

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PENLLYN)

GORCHYMYN DILEU LLWYBR

CYHOEDDUS 2014

Bydd y gorchymyn uchod, a wnaethpwyd ar 2 Mehefin 2014, o dan Adran 118 Deddf Prifffyrdd 1980, yn dileu Llwybr Troed Cyhoeddus 36 Penllyn sy'n rhedeg o GGC 299118 175081 hyd at GGC 298670 175449, fel y'i dangosir ar fap y gorchymyn.

Mae copïau o'r gorchymyn a'r map wedi'u gosod, a chewch eu gweld yn rhad ac am ddim yn Swyddfa'r Doc, Dociau'r Barri, Y Barri, CF63 4RT yn ystod oriau swyddfa arferol. Cewch brynu copïau o'r map a'r gorchymyn yn y fan honno am £4.50 yr un.

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Dyddiedig 19 Mehefin 2014

VALE OF GLAMORGAN

BRO MORGANNWG

NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH

NO 36 PENLLYN)

PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER

2014

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Llantwit Major Cavaliers shine in sun!

AFTER last weekend's washout, the Cavs 1st XI took the field at Pontardawe Recreation ground against Llandarcy in a Thomas Carroll sponsored SWCA league match; Julian Griffiths lost the toss and Llandarcy elected to bat first.

An excellent display from the Cavs in the field saw the home team bowled out for 127 in the 37th over. Opener Chris Harland top scored with 55 in an innings that included 11 fours and one six, with three other players getting into double figures.

The Cavs bowling honours went to Stuart Davies, who took 4 for 25 off 9 overs and Elliot Pritchard who took 3 for 5 off 3 overs, with Jono Cheal and Jimbo Thomas getting a wicket each. Stuart, Jimbo and Elliot also got in among the catching, with Jules getting the other.

After tea, the Cavs set about their reply with Jake McNaughton (35) and Julian Griffiths (27) hitting useful knocks. A solid innings from Jimbo Thomas, with Gareth and Sam both hitting double figures scores, ensured that the Cavs passed the

winning post in the 36th over as they finished on 128 for 5.

Llandarcy's bowling honours went to S Barrow (2 for 46) and Luke Tanner (2 for 15) with A Jones (1 for 35) getting the other wicket.

Hopefully the sun will continue to shine as the Cavs look towards their next league match at home to Neath next week.

The Cavs 2nd XI played Llandarcy 2nd XI in the reverse fixture.

Llandarcy won the toss in this game after finally cottoning on to Shane Callard's double headed coin, as soon as the opposing captain shouted 'heads' he knew the ruse was up.

The visitors elected to bat and seemed to make a solid start with 90 runs on the board before the loss of their second wicket, opener Lea Tanner for a well-made 40. Adrian Ashton returned from injury to put in a good shift taking 3 wickets for 38 runs from 10 overs along with Scott Buckley, 2 for 34 from 10 overs, Kieran Davies 2 wickets for 1 run and a special mention to Ieuan Williams who also took his first senior wicket.

Llandarcy stumbled to 126 all out with T Pickford top scoring with 46 not out after coming in at number 3. After another fantastic

tea from Julie, the Cavs set about overhauling the Llandarcy total.

Some overly friendly umpiring, from the Cavs players, and misjudged shots left the Cavaliers in the unenviable position of being 40-6 which led to the visitors thinking this was in the bag.

However important knocks by Scott Buckley (49 runs) Andrew Ghandi (25 runs in an innings that did his late dad proud, especially the night before father's day) and the timeless Dave Cheal (10 runs) led to a comeback akin to Liverpool's 'spirit of Istanbul'.

The advantage swung back and forth in a nailbiting finish which ended up with Llantwit winning the game by one wicket. For Llandarcy the bowling honours went to J Davey 3 for 13 off 8 overs, Gerry Richards 3 for 40, T Pickford 2 for 22 from 7 and Laurie Brace with one wicket. Brilliant weather on the day with the game played in excellent spirit by both sides.

The Cavs Sunday XI played host to Creigiau in the G & M Sunday League.

Dave Russell won the toss and asked the opposition to bat first; Creigiau scored 164 for 7 off their 40 overs. Rhys Phillips top scored with 53, with Callum

Bassett-Jones scoring 21 not out with three other double figure contributions.

For the Cavs, Tom Spargo took 2 wickets for 6 runs off 4 overs, Elliot Pritchard 2 for 22 off 5 overs, with Scott Buckley, Mark Jenkins and Ieuan Williams also taking a wicket each. Julian Griffiths, Matt Clay and Ieuan took the plaudits on the catching front.

After another one of Julie's lovely teas, the Cavs set about overhauling Creigiau's total; Scott Buckley top scored with 39, with Julian (18) and Elliot (18) also making useful contributions.

Unfortunately, the Cavs were bowled out for 113 in the 39th over as they lost their last 9 wickets for 18 runs. The bowling honours went to Rhys Phillips with 3 for 18 off 8 overs, Callum Bassett-Jones with 3 for 19 off 8, Gwyn Robin with 2 for 13 off 8 and Glyn Thomas with 2 for 15 off 7. Another game played in really good spirit with both teams out to enjoy the weather and the cricket.

The Cavs would like to thank their sponsors: Simons Plaipe, Anthony Brown Estate Agents, Chiropodist Roz Couzens, Accesstraining.co.uk, Red Dragon Computers, Llantwit Major Autocentre, Jaipur Bangladeshi & Indian Cuisine and Nathaniel for their much appreciated sponsorship of the club.

DMC

Barrivale results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for June 10:

First, Peter Millar and Irene Thomas 65.28 per cent; second, Celia Thomas and Jane Brook, 62.70; =third, Ann and Sean Macdougall, 59.97; =third, Joan Jenkins and Noelle Bond, 59.97. Celia Thomas and Jane Brook won on handicap.

The championship pairs winners for 2014 are Jane Brook and Kay Dyer.

PHIL JONES



Cowbridge Town celebrate end of successful season!



COWBRIDGE TOWN AFC held their annual awards presentation on Saturday, June 14, at Cowbridge Leisure Centre.

The event was hosted by the club chairman, Rhys Williams, along with guest Michael Isaac, director of Cardiff City FC and honorary president of Cowbridge Town AFC.

In addition, the club welcomed Derek Thomas as their special guest; Derek is aged 86 years old and originally formed Cowbridge Corinthians FC in the mid-1940s, which was the first football club in Cowbridge.

Many thanks to The GEM for putting us in touch with Derek.

The football club has grown in recent years, with 19 teams running through from under-7s to under-16s, followed by the youth and senior teams, and currently has approaching 350 registered players. The club will continue to grow next season with the number of teams rising to 21 including a second senior team.

The season was frustrating with many

games postponed due to the weather, however the new format with the under-7s playing all together on artificial pitches has been a positive step forward and this will be expanded to the under-8s next season.

As a club there is significant strength in the mini sector and we have high hopes when these teams come through to the competitive junior section. Both the under-12 and under-15 age groups reached the cup semi-finals, but both lost out unfortunately.

The youth have made good progress with the appointment of Paul Burns as coach and will be considerably stronger next season.

The senior team have had a fantastic season and under the new management of Andy Pinchbeck they achieved a creditable fourth place finish in the Vale Premier Division and also, in one of the most exciting cup finals seen for many years, won the Barry Cup.

The club is working very closely with Cowbridge Comprehensive School, who have been very supportive in helping the club move forward.

The awards were well attended and enjoyed by all; the major winners were:

Eric Rodgers' mini team of the year – under-11 Rangers (managed by Danny Muller); Eric Rodgers' team of the year – senior team (managed by Andy Pinchbeck); Sam Owens memorial clubman of the year award – James Revers (under-15A)

A big thank you to all the committee, managers, coaches and players for all their hard work this season.

RHYS WILLIAMS,



Wins bode well for Rhoose bowlers' season

THE men's teams at Rhoose Bowling Club have enjoyed a fairly successful season so far.

Although there were losses in the Carruthers Shield to Pyle and to Romilly there have been wins against Millwood in the Munro Cup, and also home and away against Barry Central in two friendly matches.

On Saturday, June 7, Rhoose travelled to St. Mellons BC for the first league match. As St Mellons play on a carpet green, the club was hopeful of doing well and so it proved.

Rhoose won convincingly by 97 shots to 58, gaining 12 points in the process. The winning rinks were skipped by Paul Williams, Ron Ball and Les Parsons junior.

Last year, St Mellons won at Rhoose so this was welcome revenge.

On Saturday, June 14, Rhoose welcome Abercynon to Rhoose for their second league match. Rhoose secured another convincing win despite Paul Williams' rink losing heavily.

This was balanced by captain Geoff Lage's rink which won by 37 shots to 5. Overall Rhoose won by 91 shots to 64.

The ladies team finally played their second league game and this was away to Llantwit Major.

Although Rhoose lost heavily on two rinks, Anita Shears' rink won.

In the double rink competition, Rhoose secured a convincing win against Pontyclun by 49 shots to 19.

These results bode well for the rest of the season.

JH

It's finals day at Barry chess club

SUNDAY saw the finals day for the Welsh Knock Out Cup.

In total, five matches featuring 40 players took part. Barry was represented by two teams of four and there were also appearances by three old and new players representing different teams.

In the open section, the Barry club was in the Plate Final against Abergavenny. We had already played them in the preliminary round some time ago and went through to the next round by bottom board elimination after drawing the match 2-2 so we knew it would be a close game.

We were also under extra pressure as, due to roadworks, the team arrived late with no time to get our heads in order before making our first moves.

On the top two boards, Lee Davis and Nigel Ralphs are two reliable performers who do not like to lose. So it was no surprise when both of these players earned draws.

On the bottom board, Rhys Steele continued his good form this season to give as a win and the lead by 2-1.

Everything was in the hands of Steve Cunliffe on board three. Steve needed to take at least a draw to earn the trophy.

If he lost, Abergavenny would win the match on the break. Steve had winning opportunities but played it safe to take a draw and give us the

trophy.

In the Open Championship, Barry occasional player Bill Hewitt was on board four for reigning champions White Knights against Newport. Bill defeated Gordon Cadden and with the rest of his team drawing, the White Knights from west Wales retained their trophy. There will be more details to be published about this event next week.

As far as I am aware there are no specific competitions being organised at the club during the summer. However, each week, we will organise something on an ad hoc basis, depending on numbers.

We will, however, hold our AGM on June 30; the East Glamorgan AGM will be held on Thursday, June 26.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

PHIL JONES

Cup joy for under-14s!

COWBRIDGE under-14s rounded off an incredible season with a well deserved win over Ystrad Rhondda by 26-17 in the Blues cup final at Cardiff Arms Park.

Having already won the Bishops Ton 7s, the Vale Cup and the Welsh Cup for the school, the boys and coaches had targeted the Blues cup from the start of the season.

From the kick off it was clear it would be a battle between Cowbridge's open running rugby and the opposition's forward dominated approach.

Despite some early nerves Cowbridge posted two early scores to lead 12-0. Ystrad reverted to plan A and by halftime had pegged back the scoreline to 12-10.

Cowbridge once again stretched their advantage early in the second half to lead 19-10. Ystrad continued to press and despite good Cowbridge defence managed another converted try to once again close the gap for a score of 19-17.

With five minutes to play Cowbridge sealed the victory with a superb try under the posts and a simple conversion left the score at 26-17.

The final few minutes saw Cowbridge control the possession and as the referee blew for full time

Lifting the cup!



the boys had realised their ambition of securing the Blues cup for the second time in their age group.

Coaches and players would like to thank all the supporters who have been superb all season and in particular the parents and players from all the other age groups who turned up on the day to lend their support.

Squad: Cameron Roy, Max Lucas, Dan Taylor, Ryan Williams, Ellis Simon, Dylan Cottle, Jac Roberts, Sam Corkill, Ioan Lewis, Bevan Howells, Max Cunningham, James Guard, Angus James, Tom Williams, Evan Williams, Jake Griffiths, Dan Marshall, Sam Black, Harrison Ashby, Josh Lloyd Doyle, Tom Coates, Tom Jose, Joel Hill.

ML

Cowbridge cricketers in good position

AFTER defeating Swansea Civil Service on Saturday, completing seven rounds of matches, Cowbridge CC's 1st XI head Division Two of the South Wales Cricket Association with 114 points from Briton Ferry Steel on 109 and Llandysul on 108.

That the lead is not greater is due to Cowbridge having played two fewer matches than their rivals, one of which was a farcical abandonment at bottom club Porthcawl on June 8.

After overnight rain caused there to be some damp patches on the Porthcawl ground, the umpires abandoned the game despite the perfect drying conditions and hot sun at 2.30pm.

The latest start time according to league rules is 4.05pm but the Gloucester-based officials refused to wait as protocol determines. Left without officials the two teams then played an unofficial match which was won by Cowbridge.

Both Cowbridge and Porthcawl have made formal complaints to the SWCA but it seems

highly unlikely that the game can be replayed.

Sitting out that round put Cowbridge down to second but they retrieved top spot on Saturday, emerging victorious by 17 runs.

Mike Lloyd set Cowbridge up to get a big total with an imperious 68 but other than Phil Harris (20) and Matt Smart (28), the Cowbridge batting failed to establish any momentum and having been 71-0 and 130-4, the eventual total of 147 was disappointing.

Cowbridge's captain Tom Merilant was looking for a bowling and fielding effort like the one put together in the BFS match and he got it.

A champagne moment, direct hit run out, by Richard Finucane, a terrific catch by Zac Summerhays and another run out by this skipper contrived to reduce Swansea CS to 64-5. Despite a troublesome last wicket partnership of 30, Matt Smart's clean bowled saw Cowbridge home.

This week it's a trip to Bronwydd's picturesque ground near Carmarthen.

JB

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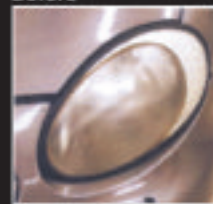
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Lynn retires as club chairman



AT Cowbridge RFC's AGM on the June 12, Mr Lynn Thomas retired as club chairman after serving an astonishing 40 years.

In recognition of this outstanding achievement the club presented Lynn with a portrait painted by Brian Davies, the very talented ex-Welsh rugby international. Brian donates much of his fee to Cystic Fibrosis charities.

The painting was presented to Lynn by the new incoming chairman Mr John Griffiths. We believe that Lynn's achievement is unequalled in the annals of Welsh rugby.

AG

Paul reaches milestone

COTTRELL PARK Golf Resort this month celebrates the 20th anniversary of a valued employee.

Head greenkeeper Paul Morgan has reached this significant milestone having worked at Cottrell Park Golf Resort for two decades.

After starting on the construction of the club in the mid-1990s, the Llantwit Major-based golf enthusiast was appointed as assistant greenkeeper in 1996 before progressing to his current position.

Paul, 42, said: "I am very fortunate to work for a progressive company, which supports its employees. This is a big reason for staying at Cottrell Park

Golf Resort for all of these years. Seeing what has been achieved today from the field I saw all those years ago is a big achievement."

Derek Smith, general manager of Cottrell Park Golf Resort, added: "We are delighted to celebrate Paul's anniversary as an employee here at the resort. He is a much valued member of the team who has embraced every challenge we hit his way as the business expands."

"The fact that Paul has stayed with the resort over all of these years, I think, is very representative of the fact we are a friendly team with family values. We are looking to continuing to work together over the next decade."

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Athletic under-13s in tournament action



AFTER experiencing the disappointment of finishing runners-up in both the league and the cup, Barry Athletic FC under-13s completed their 2013/14 season by testing themselves in tournament football.

On May 18, nine players attended the Undy Athletic FC tournament in Caldicot. Dealt with the blow of losing their regular goalkeeper in the morning, Dan Barnett proved an able replacement by only conceding a single goal in the group stage and was greatly assisted by the outstanding defending of Joe Allwood.

The boys put in an excellent performance beating the strongest team in the group, Jordan Jones finishing off a chance produced by the creativity of Rhys Woolmer and Harri Edwards. The Barry team remained unbeaten in the group but just missed out by a point in order to progress.

The Athletic then visited Monmouth Town FC on June 6 in what proved to be a good day for the eight players chosen to select the squad. Again, they had the setback of having their goalkeeper unavailable for selection but this time the responsibility for keeping goal was shared by the players, with five of the players taking a turn or two each.

In the opening game, the Athletic started strongly and created the goal of the group stage. Six one-touch passes resulted in a good finish from Joshua

Peets. In the second game, the boys moved up a gear putting six goals past their opponents, the highlights being Connor Bright's hat-trick and Dan Barnett's solo effort.

With Evan Wells pulling the strings in midfield, the Athletic continued in the same vein for the remaining group games and ended up topping the group unbeaten.

In the semi-final, the Athletic were pitted against local rivals Sully Sports. Sully started the better of the two teams by going 1-0 up after just two minutes but goals from the mercurial Rhys Woolmer and Joe Allwood saw the boys into the final.

Malpas United were the opponents for the last game of the day and with the sunshine now taking its toll on the players both sides struggled to make an impact. After five minutes of extra-time, the stalemate brought the game to penalties.

Jack Such made the brave decision to be the keeper and face the penalties for the Athletic. In the process, he managed to put one of the Malpas players off his stride who duly smashed his effort against the post.

Up stepped Lawrence Walpole, Joshua Peets and Joe Allwood for the Barry team who all converted their penalties in a confident manner. Connor Bright completed the day by lifting the cup for the squad.

The coaching staff would like to commend the whole of the squad for their efforts this season, the progression in their development is there for all to see.

Bowlers beaten in Munro Cup

BARRY ATHLETIC hosted the Munro Cup match against Cadroxton, and were successful on all rinks.

Derek Brook skipped against Colin Spillane and won just two of the first eight ends. A '5' on the next gave a brief hope with just one shot advantage to the home side.

However with only two more singles the visitors finished well behind. Kelvin Chedgoy and Albert Mintern were the skips in a much closer encounter where two late '3's gave the home side the points.

Ivor Robertson's rink was in contention for most of the game against Brian Whitlock's rink, and the scores were level after with four ends left to play. However all these went in favour of the home side, with the scores level after 14 ends.

Skips John Jones and Billy Summerell met in the fourth rink and once again the home side took an early 12 - 4 advantage which was reduced by a '5', but two '5's against followed to put the difference too much to overcome.

Scores: R Byrne, I Heppenstall, G Davies, D Brook 10 - 27 C Rossiter, D Coombs, I Stevenson, C Spillane, G Powell, J Ferguson, P Ellis, K Chedgoy 12 - 15 T Bishop, L Jones, J Davies, A Mintern; S Clements, L Davies, P Swannick, I Robertson 13 - 19 E Booker, C Cotterell, J Beanland, B Whitlock; D Fanning, J Stacey, D Jeffries, J Jones 15 - 29 C Phillips, P Killin, A Cooper, B Summerell. Final score: 42 - 77.

CADOXTON V BELLE VUE - ML4
Cadoxton collected 12 points to 2 in their ML4 match at Belle Vue.

The overall win was set up by the rink skipped by Don Kuhnell, with Jim, David and Gordon all playing a part in a very convincing success.

Howard Craven had an up and down game - up until the 12th end, when the scores were level. During this period both sides scored a '6'.

However during the remainder of the game they were able to win six with three ends against, to complete a win.

Kelvin Chedgoy's rink led 6-5 after seven ends. However they conceded a '3' on the next and were unable to recover the advantage, despite a flourish when scoring six against one during the final four ends.

John Jones' rink was the centre of attention during their final ends with the other rinks completed. They were trailing 11-14 with five ends left. Two singles with one against kept the result on edge.

Then two on the penultimate brought the scores level. In a tense last end they managed to hold on to a single for the extra two points.

Scores: L Davies, I Robertson, D Brook, H Craven 24 - 19 B Bagwell, J Allen, T Ford, L Aubrey; P Swannick, I Heppenstall, P Ellis, K Chedgoy 15 - 21 P Paterson, G Thomas, D Miller, M Thomas; J Stacey, D Evans, G Davies, D Kuhnell 33 - 7 A Stockham, G Ford, A Thomas, B Morgan; A Carpenter, G Solomon, D Jeffries, J Jones 16 - 15 L Fowler, R Fitzjohn, R Patterson, D Purser. Final score: 88 - 62.

DK

Controversy as Barry Athletic snatch victory

ON Saturday Barry Athletic travelled to Rogerstone for only their second league game of the season; Barry captain John Gee won the toss and decided to bat first on a bright, hot, sunny afternoon.

Barry's openers got off to a solid start with Aaron Smith and David Goodway putting on 31 for the first wicket when Smith was bowled for 6; there was then a partnership of 40 before Rhett Jones was caught out, in the deep, for 21.

Nathan Baker was next to go for a fine 24 with the score on 143; there was then a flurry of wickets as Barry lost their last 55 runs. This included a fine and flowing 13 in 13 balls from Ashley Baker and 85 for David Goodway as Barry were eventually bowled out for 198 in the 44 over, D.Nel taking 5 for 35.

Rogerstone's innings go off to a flyer as their openers got stuck into the Barry bowling, especially Frost, whose first four overs went for 29; although Steve Jones showed some tight bowling at the other end, it was Jones who got the first wicket when he trapped A.Harris for 20 with the score on 29. The second wicket fell with

score on 63 when Gee bowled Trinder for 33.

Wickets then fell at regular intervals with Gee picking up another two and finishing with 3 for 24 and Hellyar picking up three for 46; this left Rogerstone 106 for 7, and this soon became 123 for 8 before Aldaway and Berry came together and looked as if they were going to get Rogerstone an unlikely victory before Usswald got Berry for 18 and a partnership of 81 was broken.

The nerves of both sides were now on edge and it was anyone's game until the final controversial moment of the match, with H Berry asking for a runner and then hitting the ball to mid off and setting off for a run himself, leaving his runner stood at the strikers end and the ball being given to the bowler, who ran the striker out under law 29.2, giving Athletic a brilliant two run win.

This week Barry Athletic 1st XI are home to Malpas, with the second XI playing the same opponents away, with the Sunday XI home to Llantwit Major at home Sunday.

Thursday night is junior training night, so if any children aged between seven and 15 are interested in cricket come along to the Island between 6.15pm and 7.45pm.

MR

Ace times for Dinas Powys tennis teams

DINAS POWYS LTC's ladies' first team moved up to Premier One this year and are up against tough competition.

Irrespective of losing their first match against a tough Cardiff Castle team, the team is optimistic for the rest of the season with great team commitment and the return of their star member, county player Safiyyah Azeez.

Likewise, the second team are keen to regain their place in Division One this year. Although they have struggled due to two players suffering from injuries, they have a strong squad of seven and have developed regular playing partners, strengthening the team.

The third and fourth teams have also had

some obstacles to overcome, but with the presence of juniors Libby Smith, Darcey Ramsden, Amelia Davidson and Sophie Thomas, and the creation of new partnerships, both teams are competing well in their respective divisions.

The men's first and second teams are standing mid-table in their divisions and the third team has an increasing chance of promotion, showing it's all to play for this summer.

Juniors are also increasing their presence in the men's teams. The start of the summer leagues has seen teenager Luke Davidson play and win his first match for the men's first team and the introduction of

youngsters Jack Thomas and Isaac Follon into the second and third teams.

Other developments in the men's teams saw Carlo Cancino make his debut for the first team alongside returning first team player John-Paul Barker.

There has also been a

AG

Millwood bowling round-up

AT last Millwood were back to winning another round of the Munro Cup in a rather resounding way, with a winning margin of 28 shots against Belle Vue.

This was mainly due to rink one, skipped by Mike Williams, who had

a 22 shot win; this win was certainly a welcome victory.

After playing six ends, Millwood were leading Belle Vue 24-18, and after 12 ends it was 48-29 in Millwood's favour, the game finishing 71-43 to Millwood - well done! The next games are home to Cowbridge, then away to Penarth.

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Narrow defeat for Seconds

VALE Seconds narrowly lost this very entertaining game at Llandaff fields against Cardiff Gymkhana by the small margin of seven runs.

On winning the toss the home side decided to bat on a warm sunny day. Vale's opening attack of Harish Kannan and Luke John bowled tightly and it was young John who struck first thanks to a well-judged catch by Mark Stephens at mid on.

A fine piece of fielding from Vinod Ramachandran engineered a run out and shortly afterwards John struck again, getting an lbw decision. John finished his opening spell having taken 2-11 of 6 overs.

Another youngster, Matt Harper, and Kevin Jones were the first change bowlers but after a couple of wayward overs from Jones, Vale skipper Mark Francis brought himself into the attack. An outstanding forward diving catch at mid off by Steve Harper brought Francis his first wicket and this was followed shortly afterwards by his second as he removed the middle stump.

At this stage Vale were well on top and further pressure was applied as Matt Harper picked up an lbw decision and Francis picked two wickets in an over again removing the middle stump and Matt Harper taking a towering catch at square leg. Francis finished his nine over spell with good figures of 4-28.

With Gymkhana on 108-8, Vale were looking to be chasing around 125 but that was thwarted by Gymkhana captain Taimoor Ahmed who played very well with a mixture of solid defence and aggression.

Steve Harper introduced into the attack took the ninth wicket to fall as Vinod Ramachandran held a catch at square leg. Kannan took the last wicket

as he clean bowled the number 11 to leave the home skipper 45 not out. Thanks to his contribution Gymkhana had reached 152 all out, which would prove to be enough to win.

Vale's bowling figures were Harish Kannan 9-0-27-1, John 6-2-11-2, K Jones 2-0-22-0, Matt Harper 9-1-20-1, M Francis 9-1-28-4 and Steve Harper 4-0-12-1.

Vale reply started well as experienced pair Carl Brooks and Francis put on 46 for the first wicket before Brooks was caught for 14. However, good bowling made run scoring difficult and Vale then lost regular wickets as Aaron Stephens, Steve Harper, Kannan and John Chester all fell cheaply as Vale reached 84-5.

This brought Matt Harper to the wicket and along with his skipper put together a 40 run partnership to take the score to 124-6 to put Vale into a winning position.

During this partnership Francis passed his half century which had been an excellent effort. However, Ramachandran fell quickly and perhaps the turning point came with the first ball of the 42nd over, as Vale, still 18 runs short of victory, saw Francis dismissed caught at extra cover for 70 having batted through the innings.

Jones fell for one and Vale got to the last over with 10 runs needed from the last wicket pair. Two runs were taken off the first ball but with a boundary needed Mark Stephens edged behind trying to hit over the top with Vale falling seven runs short.

Vale were in a position to win this game and will be disappointed to have lost conceding probably a few more runs than they should have in the first innings and with seven batsmen scoring two runs or less the run chase just fell short. MF

Rain pain for bowlers!

OH no, not another bowls match cancelled because of rain!

This time it was the Cowbridge ladies who were unable to play in a CCS match at Pencoed, but they did play their friendly match at home to Whitchurch; sadly Whitchurch could only raise nine players, so had to play three on each rink, which meant they forfeited a quarter of their score on each rink.

On the rink with Lynda Wilson, Caryl Davies, Diane Lloyd and Skip Joan Bradley, Cowbridge ladies won 18-3&3/4.

The rink with Lin Wallace, Dorothy Pritchard, Joy Woolford and Skip Pat Davey, lost 11-15&3/4, and on the rink with Sylvia Hole, Sian Lewis, Shirley Dunsword and skip Anne Jarvis, they just won 11-10!1/2.

Cowbridge had an overall win of 40-30.

The men suffered two very heavy defeats this week playing against two very good teams.

In the Munro Cup match against Barry Romilly at home, we had our biggest ever home defeat, losing 48-109, with all four rinks losing badly.

Rink scores: skip Alan Wallace's rink lost

17-29, skip John Trott's rink lost 14-27, skip Dennis Snelling's rink lost 10-25, and on skip Steve Dickens' rink they lost 7-28.

In a league match against Mountain Ash, again played at home, we again lost heavily 63-104.

On the rink of skip Norman Wilkinson, we lost 13-32, skip Steve Dickens' rink lost 9-30, and on the rink of skip Dennis Snelling they lost on the last end by 16-18; with Dennis was Mansel Davey, John Jones and Byron Richards.

The only winning rink was Ron Frayling, Charles Sanders, Brian Williams and skip Roger Barwick, who just won 25-24, giving us our first two points of the season.

NJW

Bowlers win in the Munro Cup

L L A N T W I T MAJOR bowlers visited Barry Central for their Munro Cup match.

It was a very disjointed affair with Central being one short on three rinks; this meant their two front men had to bowl three bowls, and this means they are then penalised a quarter of their score. Result? A win for Llantwit, 89-34.

Charles Hiscock's rink won 24-6; this was Central's only rink with a full complement of players. Llantwit were seven shots up after only four ends. Central then won the next two ends before

Llantwit accelerated away, scoring 15 shots on the next seven ends to win by 18 shots.

Steve Booker's rink won 21-9; after going down on the first end Llantwit picked up 12 shots on the next six ends

without reply. Central then had a good spell, winning the 12th to the 15th ends; Llantwit then won the remaining ends to win by 12 shots.

Graham Jones' rink won 24-11; Llantwit took five on the second end then kept in front, scoring heavily in the last few ends to win comfortably.

Neville Young's rink won 20-8; this was a slam bang affair by the opposition with Central using a lot of weight. Llantwit kept control of the game, maintaining their lead throughout the game helped by a score of five on the 15th end. Llantwit played their second league match on Saturday when Bargoed were the visitors and they gained another win, taking 12 points with a 93-74 shot win.

Charles Hiscock's rink

lost 19-21; this was a ding dong match with neither side giving way with the lead changing hands several times with the scores level on the 19th end. Llantwit then conceded one shot on the last two ends to lose by two shots in a game which neither side deserved to lose.

Steve Booker's rink won 24-17; Llantwit took an early lead and by the 12th end were up by 11 shots. A five by Bargoed on the 15th end reduced Llantwit's lead; Llantwit scored another five shots on the last two ends to win by seven.

Graham Jones' rink won 28-16; after being down on the first end, they then took command of the game with Fred Pike, Llantwit's lead, having an excellent game giving the side a good start.

Llantwit piled it on with 12 shots being scored between the eighth and 12th ends, cantering home by 12 shots.

Neville Young's rink won 22-20; Llantwit were always in front, keeping Bargoed on a score of three for five ends. Llantwit went off the boil when Bargoed went on long jacks, losing the last six ends with Llantwit just holding on to win by two shots.

NY

Welsh success at last point-to-point meeting

THE 2013-14 point-to-point season ended with the Torrington Farmers meeting at Umberleigh on Saturday, and Welsh horses took the first three places in the men's open race.

Paul and Myfanway Miles's prolific

Findlay's Find, ridden by Dave Mansell, justified favouritism when coming home ahead of GallaFlynn (Matthew Barber) and Andy Quick's grey gelding Sangfroid (Kris Hammer), which is qualified with the Glamorgan Hunt; there were 11 starters.

Barber later won the open maiden race on 10-1 chance Red Bridge Rebel. BRIAN LEE

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ABOVE:
Bethan Sloan.
RIGHT:
The year 7 and
year 8 tennis teams.



THE under-13 Vale Schools round of the Tennis Championships were held at Dinas Powys Tennis Club on Friday, June 6.

After a quick shower the sun came out and it remained dry for the rest of the day. The boy's team were Evan

Thomas, Harry Donnithorne, Michael Cox and Mike Bosley.

The boys played very well during the day, beating both St. Richard Gwyn and St. Cyres convincingly 5 sets to 1 and 6 sets to love. Stanwell proved a more testing school and we lost 4 sets to 2.

Lastly the boys played

Barry Boys, drawing the match 3 sets all.

The girls, Lauren David, Sarah Jones and twins Freya and Abbie Johnson, beat St. Richard Gwyn 4 sets to 2 in their first match but unfortunately lost their next two matches to Stanwell and St. Cyres 6 sets to love and 4 sets to 2. Well done all who

played.

BETHAN
SELECTED FOR GLASGOW 2014
Cowbridge Comprehensive pupil Bethan Sloan has been selected to represent Wales at the Commonwealth Games, being held in Glasgow in July.

The current Year 13 pupil has been juggling A level studies and intense training for the 4 x 100m medley team for the past two years.

It is not unusual for Bethan to train at 5am before school, study all day, and then return to the pool in the evening.

The amount of commitment required to reach an international event such as the Commonwealth Games is immense. Bethan has now been rewarded for her hard work with an opportunity to compete on the world stage.

Everyone at the school is very proud to be associated with Bethan and will all be supporting her and the rest of the Welsh squad in their quest for the medals.

CW

Ladies' mixed weather conditions

ON Tuesday the 3rd Pencoed ladies joined Llantwit Major ladies for a CCS match which was played in glorious weather.

Scores: E.Hardie, P.Pike, H.Tilley and E. Nicholls 18-20; M.Morgan, C.Willmot, M.Horgan, D.Hurley 20-8; L.Crouch, N.Baelz, E.Gray, V.Baelz 17-12; an enjoyable afternoon.

On Thursday we welcomed Rhoe for a league game. Scores: K.Johnes, H.Tilley, C.Willmot, M.Lewis 27-6; E.Hardie, P.Pike,

V.Baelz, M.Morgan 26-9; E.Nicholls, M.Davies, J.Molloy, E.Gray 10-15&3/4. Although playing two short and on grass instead of their artificial green, Rhoe played a tough game - well done ladies.

Unfortunately, although leaving Llantwit in sunshine to play Pengelli in the CCS, the weather caught up with us and we arrived in heavy rain and a waterlogged green. We will try again on August 12.

Thursday, June 12 proved a beautiful day and we played

Cadoxton at home in a rearranged league game. Scores: E.Hardie, M.Davies, P.Cook, E.Gray 20-17; H.Tilley, P.Pike, V.Baelz, M.Morgan 14-12; L.Crouch, D.Hurley, C.Willmot, M.Lewis 15-8.

This was our first win on all three rinks, although Margaret Morgan's rink gave us a nailbiting finish - with Margaret bowling the last two woods of the game she took the shot, winning by two. Well done ladies, hope the weather will keep shining on us!

CW

Golfers hold tea party!



ON June 14 in brilliant sunshine, St Athan Golf Club Ladies' Section held a golf tea party; this was part of the Marie Curie national series of fundraising tea parties.

From first thing in the morning, 70 ladies from clubs all over the area took part in a nine hole stableford competition followed by tea and cakes in the club house.

The event was hosted by Jenny Young, the lady captain, ably assisted by the Mad Hatter and Mrs Mad Hatter alias Carolyn McKenzie and Michelle Bligh.

After playing, the ladies were able to relax with lunch and support the various fundraising stalls selling fashionable golf wear and jewellery, cakes and bottle stalls as well as a silent auction and a huge selection of raffle prizes.

At the end of a very successful day,

which raised over £1,000 for Marie Curie, her chosen captain's charity for the year, Jenny presented the tea party themed prizes to the lucky winners.

The visitors competition was won by Sue Mogridge (The Grove) with runner up Glenys Gould (Brynhill) and third Frances Robertson (The Grove). The members competition was won by Mags Vecchi with runner-up Liz Thomas and third Rose Dawson; Carol Bunyan won the 'anti tear up' prize.

The ladies' section holds a series of social and fundraising events throughout the year. The next date for your diary is a musical luncheon on June 26 with a sumptuous buffet lunch and music provided by keyboard virtuoso Penny Weedon.

This should be an entertaining and fun occasion and all are welcome - tickets are available from Jenny Young on 01446 792942.

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AS WALES SLIP TO ANOTHER DEFEAT IN SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE, WILL IT BE... Changing of the guard after dismal Durban?

BACK PAGE COMMENT

by Don John

SPEAKING before the first test in Durban on Saturday, Wales' head coach Warren Gatland OBE was optimistic that his reshaped, injury-plagued team would make history by beating South Africa for only the second time in 28 outings since 1906 – "We are going with the belief and confidence we can win this... But it's important we go out and perform to the level we know we can..."

...And there's the rub, for yet again a slow-starting Wales side were bludgeoned out of their stride and rapidly undone by more physically-robust, dynamic opponents, who charged out of the blocks from the outset, and were piling up points almost before the national anthems had faded into the air above Kings Park.

In fact, the game was almost over as a contest after barely 20 minutes, when Jamie Roberts' yellow card for a dangerous tackle would cost them an ultimately decisive 14-point deficit.

For in the first quarter, the rampaging Springboks would ruthlessly run in three sharply-taken tries (two by wing ace Brian Habana) and one from a driving line-out by No 8 Duane Vermeulen, all smoothly converted by outside half Morné Steyn to make the score 21-6.

In reply, a desperately embattled Wales could muster only two snap goals by Steyn's opposite number, Dan Biggar – who also slotted over a penalty on the stroke of halftime.

However, by then South Africa had forged even further ahead with a fourth try by their outstanding fullback, Willie Le Roux, to go into the interval with a 28-9 lead, and Wales were facing another defeat of epic proportions.

It had been a devastating first half for both sides – though in very different ways – with the famed Welsh rush defence systematically shredded by the simple but effective expedient of a deftly-placed chip over their heads – Le Roux's one-man scoring effort a case in point!

The tourists had drawn first blood with Biggar's first drop goal after three minutes – but after that, were constantly in danger of being totally overrun by remorseless Springbok power up front and forceful running behind – while all the time, the battle for the breakdown was being lost.

The sudden replacement of scrum talisman Adam Jones before halftime by Scarlets' Samson Lee, bore testament to the iron grip being exerted by the dominant home eight in the tight, and also the loose, in the crucial



Jamie Roberts hangs on grimly as Wales struggle to get back on terms.
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absence of injured Welsh flankers Sam Warburton and Justin Tipuric.

A clearly disgruntled Gatland would later acknowledge that Wales "did not look fit out there at times". Players' lack of game time showed as some "struggled to cope with the pace and intensity in the first half".

It was a view shared by his skipper Warburton in the TV studio, who confessed: "We're not used to playing at such intensity too often".

Ominously, Steyn added three more points with a penalty kick just after play resumed in the second half, and when he converted South Africa's fifth try by debut wing Cornal Hendricks to make the score an insurmountable 38-9, with half an hour still to go to the final whistle, the floodgates seemed set to open and finally sweep Wales away.

In days gone by, that would certainly have happened – but to their credit, this current Wales squad are made of sterner stuff; and the judicious arrival of more 'heads up' replacements from the bench, including halfbacks James Hook and Gareth Davies and diminutive Matthew Morgan at fullback, saw much-needed pace and urgency injected into a suddenly galvanised team.

This coincided with the now totally dominant home team easing their foot off the pedal – understandable with the battle already won – and Wales began a creditable, if belated, fight-back.

Even so, it took a brilliant solo effort to bring a little respectability to the scoreboard, not this time from an unusually subdued George North – who was obviously still

suffering the effects of a virus that had laid him low in midweek – but his fellow wing, Alex Cuthbert. The big Blues man received the ball deep in his own half and set off on a deceptive, swerving run, scattering a clutch of wildly grasping defenders to left and right – before jubilantly touching down near the posts for a try converted by Hook, to cut the deficit to 38-16.

Alas, it came far too late in the day to make a real difference, apart from stinging the now coasting Springboks back into action – and the game ended as it had begun, with the Welsh line under siege – but bravely clinging on as the final whistle blew.

With only a handful of days to put things right and rally his troops for the next and final test at the Mbombela stadium, Nelspruit, Gatland admitted, "It is a big challenge to get them back up for Saturday. We were very poor in the first half, but at least we now have a chance to get back on the horse".

The big question, as he pondered on his selection being announced today (Thursday) was – would it be the same horse? Should he continue to stick by some of the old guard who have served him so well in the past, or would he be forced to make a last throw of the four dice, with key changes to reward the lively replacements who had shone in Durban?

VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

Meanwhile, back home in Port Talbot on Sunday, a rebel bid to force the WRU leadership out of office was overwhelmingly defeated, when 462 Welsh



Matthew Rees finds his way barred.



A ray of light amid the Durban gloom... Alex Cuthbertson sets off on his solo try making run.

clubs voted in support of the executive, with only four voting the other way, and 18 abstaining.

The call for an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) had been made at the instigation of former WRU CEO, David Moffett, supported by 42 club signatures, including the four professional Welsh regions. (In the event, the regions were represented at the meeting, but took no part in the proceedings).

Board member and Welsh legend, Gerald Davies, made an impassioned plea in which he stated that Welsh rugby's reputation had been tarnished by the issue; it was not held in high regard abroad and needed to be restored – "and not through self-interest," he warned.